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Lakeshore backtracks on discipline

Officials decide punishment not needed for teacher's quiz question; student's mother disappointed

By JOHN MATUSZAK
H-P Staff Writer

STEVENSVILLE — The Lakeshore school district announced Monday that it has rescinded the disciplinary action taken against a high school English teacher who included a question in a quiz that was deemed by some people to be racist.

In response to the decision, Charity Burton, the mother of the black student who brought the issue to light, said her family "is really disappointed in the way the situation was handled."

"We are emotionally trying to pull ourselves together. As a family we're trying to move on," said Burton, whose daughter received threats as the controversy escalated late last week.

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Contacted following her press release Monday on the reversal, Superintendent Cynthia Vujea would not say what disciplinary action the district had taken against Christine Schroeder, though it was widely reported unofficially that the teacher had been suspended for a few days. In a phone call Friday, and again in an email Monday, Schroeder would not say what the discipline had been. She was back in the classroom Friday, a day there was an outpouring of support for her on Facebook.

Schroeder had further been ordered to attend a training session at the Institute for Healing Racism in Grand Rapids, which she said she was enthusiastically looking forward to.

The latest decision came after Schroeder and teachers union representative Julie Samuel met with administrators. Vujea would not say whether a grievance had been filed by the union, the Lakeshore Education Association.

Monday's press release was signed by Vujea, Schroeder, Samuel and board President Mark Whitwam.

Schroeder came under fire by inserting this question in a vocabulary quiz early this month: "Many people assume that all areas of Benton Harbor are (blank); they don't consider the neat arts district with its cool restaurants and shops."

The correct response was "sordid," meaning wretched or low-class (the definitions listed on the quiz).

Cornell and Charity Burton's daughter, a student in Schroeder's advanced placement English class, brought the question to her parents' attention. They then took the issue to school administrators, and Cornell Burton told the media that administrators agreed that the question was racist because Benton Harbor is mostly black. Burton said they

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Panelists spar over EM law

Harris says bankruptcy wouldn't fix BH

By KATE GENELLIE
H-P Staff Writer

ANN ARBOR — In the debate over the emergency manager law, no one has disagreed that many of Michigan's communities and school districts are struggling and need help.

At a University of Michigan panel on the law Monday, that remained one of the only points the opposing sides could agree on.

Benton Harbor Emergency Manager Joseph Harris was among the panelists, as was vocal opponent of the law Brandon Jessup, the CEO of Michigan Forward.

Jessup's organization is part of a coalition called Stand Up For Democracy, which on Feb. 29 turned in more than 220,000 signatures to the Secretary of State's office in an attempt to put the emergency manager law, also known as Public Act 4, on the November ballot. If enough signatures are verified, the law will be suspended until it will be voted on in the statewide election in November.

Roger Fraser, the deputy state treasurer for local government services, and Dayne Walling, mayor of Flint, rounded out the panel, which was held in the Annenberg Auditorium at the University of Michigan's Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy in Ann Arbor.

Fraser discussed the problems of municipal bankruptcy, one alternative to a state-appointed emergency manager for financially troubled communities.

"We would hope that Public Act 4 offers an orderly alternative to bankruptcy," Fraser said, adding that not every community that comes to the treasury's attention is assigned an emergency manager.

A state review team took a look at Benton Harbor Area Schools, but the team "found they didn't have a financial crisis they couldn't manage themselves," Fraser said.

Jessup said the financial crisis has been turned into a political tool, benefitting private interests over citizens.

"The Michigan emergency manager law presents a naked power grab," Jessup said, adding that when emergency managers stripped local officials of their powers, "this act alone immediately disenfranchised voters."

But Harris said that

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Brandon A. Jessup (left), chairman and CEO of Michigan Forward, and Joseph Harris, emergency manager for Benton Harbor, are shown at the panel discussion of Michigan's emegency manager law.

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Benton Harbor School Superintendent Leonard Seawood speaks at the board meeting Monday night at the high school's Performing Arts Center.

Progress made, but still many miles to go for BH

By JULIE SWIDWA
H-P Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Benton Harbor Area Schools has stopped the financial bleeding, but it still has a long way to go to be financially viable and improve academic achievement.

Superintendent Leonard Seawood said a restructuring plan announced March 8 will go a long way toward attacking the deficit so the district can get down to the business of academic improvement.

"We've been able to stop the bleeding, but we're still $16 million in debt," Seawood said, explaining that the board has had to make some painful decisions.

The board is scheduled to vote tonight on a plan to close three schools and create four first- through eighth-grade specialized programs in other buildings.

Flanked on the Performing Arts Center stage by members of the school board and district staff members, Seawood talked to about 60 people who attended an informational meeting Monday night.

After decades of declining enrollment and funding cuts, the district has ended up with many more buildings than its population and budget can support.

Bill Wright, a senior financial manager with the firm Plante Moran, said if the district did nothing, its deficit would swell to $18.6 million next year.

"The good news is that a turnaround has begun," Wright said. "I congratulate Mr. Seawood and the board. They know what needs to be done and they know how to do it."

The restructuring plan calls for closing Stump Preschool, Sorter Elementary and Boynton Montessori. The preschool program would move to the Discovery Enrichment Center in the former Seely-McCord Elementary School, and Boynton Montessori's classes would merge with Morton Elementary.

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> Superintendent of Benton Harbor school district

Sorter Elementary School students would move to Hull Middle School, which was closed in January 2011 and would be re-opened. Students from the Creative Arts & Gifted/Talented Academy would move to Fairplain Middle School, and all the school district's kindergarten students would be placed at the Creative Arts building.

Hull, Morton, Fair Plain Middle and Martin Luther King Jr. schools would all become first- through eighth-grade schools. Seawood said all would have a common core curriculum

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BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT

Judge condemns system in woman's beating

Adult foster care resident was assaulted by illegal immigrant

By DEBRA HAIGHT
H-P Correspondent

NILES — The system failed when it came to a 53-year-old Oronoko Township man assaulting an adult foster care resident in his care last December, a Berrien County judge declared Monday.

Donald David Wauran, 53, of George Street pleaded guilty to second-degree abuse of a vulnerable adult and was sentenced Monday to 270 days in jail and $341 in fines and costs. He was given credit for 115 days served.

The incident occurred Dec. 3 at an adult foster care home in the 8900 block of George Street. Wauran took money from the 64-year-old woman's purse and then assaulted her when she tried to stop him.

Judge Dennis Wiley called the case a great example of "our entire system's failure."

He said a federal judge ordered Wauran's deportation several years ago, but that judge allowed him to be free on bond. He said the adult foster care home owner hied Wauran without doing any background check.

"The result of all of this is that a vulnerable woman was assaulted and is now terrorized," the judge said. "This doesn't say much for protecting our senior citizens."

Assistant Prosecutor Cara Wilkinson said Wauran, a native of Indonesia, will be picked up

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In brief

Judge pays off 12-year-old ticket

FLINT (AP) — A Michigan judge who had a $50 parking ticket in his name that dated back 12 years has paid up.

The Flint Journal reported Genesee County Circuit Chief Judge Archie Hayman made the payment Friday after a story about the ticket was published on MLive.com

Hayman says he learned about the ticket Thursday from a reporter for The Flint Journal and paid because it was "the right thing to do." Hayman says the 2000 ticket was issued on a car that he had bought in his name for his mother. Court records had erroneously indicated that the case was closed.

Hayman says he would have paid earlier had he known the ticket existed.

Hayman was one of three Genesee County judges the newspaper reported had outstanding parking tickets.

Latest tally: 207 homes damaged by tornado

DEXTER (AP) — Officials now say 207 homes were damaged in last week's tornado in Dexter and about 20 will need to be demolished.

Dexter Area Fire Chief Loren Yates provided the figures on Monday. Officials initially said Thursday's tornado damaged more than 100 homes and destroyed at least 13. Still, Yates says the numbers could change again as efforts continue to assess the damage inflicted by the storm.

Meanwhile Monday, classes were resuming for students in the Washtenaw County community. Dexter Community Schools had canceled classes Friday.

No serious injuries were reported following the tornado, which hit Dexter, located west of Ann Arbor, as well as other parts of the county.

Cleanup efforts continued over the weekend. At Sunday church services, thanks was expressed that no lives were lost in the storm.

Union-backed ballot measures clear hurdles

LANSING (AP) — Two proposed constitutional amendments supported by Michigan unions have cleared procedural hurdles allowing their campaigns to continue.

The forms of petitions sponsored by the groups were approved Monday by the Board of State Canvassers. Supporters would need to collect at least 322,609 valid voter signatures to put the proposed constitutional amendments before voters in November.

The newest of the proposals aims to put what is now called the Michigan Quality Community Care Council in the state constitution. The proposal would protect some collective bargaining rights for employees, a clause opponents say may conflict with federal law.

Lotteries

Michigan

Monday drawings

Midday Daily 3: 5-5-1
Midday Daily 4: 2-3-0-0
Daily 3: 6-0-7
Daily 4: 5-1-7-0
Fantasy 5: 20-24-27-32-38
Keno: 07-09-13-16-17-18-29-33-35-36-38-49-50-61-64-65-69-70-72-75-77-79

Mega Millions jackpot: $200 million
Powerball jackpot: $70 million

Indiana

Monday midday drawings

Daily Three-Midday: 7-0-2
Daily Four-Midday: 7-4-1-4
Lucky 5-Midday: 02-10-20-25-36

Sunday evening drawings

Daily Three-Evening: 6-7-8
Daily Four-Evening: 4-3-7-7
Lucky 5-Evening: 13-27-28-29-31
Quick Draw: 05-15-18-31-33-37-43-48-50-55-57-58-60-61-63-65-66-68-70-77

Illinois

Monday midday drawings

Pick Three-Midday: 2-1-3
Pick Four-Midday: 1-4-2-3

Sunday evening drawings

Pick Three-Evening: 2-9-0
Pick Four-Evening: 3-8-2-0
Little Lotto: 09-16-23-35-37
Estimated jackpot: $575,000

– The Associated Press

Poll: Michiganders worry about additional casino expansion

By MATT HELMS
Detroit Free Press

A new poll out Monday finds Michigan voters have significant concerns about proposals to expand privately owned commercial casinos or allow the state's Indian tribes to build new off-reservation gambling facilities.

The poll found 26 percent of voters believe there are too many casinos in Michigan and 12 percent believe there are not enough, according to the poll conducted in January of 600 likely voters statewide for Protect MI Vote, a coalition representing MGM Grand Detroit and Greektown Casino-Hotel in Detroit; the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, which owns Soaring Eagle in Mt. Pleasant, and the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi, owner of the FireKeepers Casino near Battle Creek.

About 34 percent of respondents believe the number of casinos in Michigan is just right as it is – 22 tribal casinos outstate along with Detroit's three commercial casinos.

Protect MI Vote says it believes the numbers show there's not a lot of support for major expansion of casinos in Michigan. The poll comes just two weeks after the Free Press detailed proposals for 22 new casinos in Michigan, from tribes and private investor groups. In the unlikely event that all the proposals won either court battles of voter referendums, the number of casinos would nearly double in the state.

The poll was conducted Jan. 21-25 by the Mellman Group, a Washington, D.C.,-based polling and research group. The firm interviewed 600 likely voters statewide for the poll, which has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Meanwhile, 56 percent in the poll opposed allowing Indian tribes to build casinos on land far from their traditional tribal territories. The most prominent of these efforts is by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, which is partnering with the city of Lansing on a plan to build a $245-million Kewadin Lansing Casino on Michigan Avenue just blocks from the state Capitol. About 26 percent favored allowing off-reservation casinos.

In addition, the poll found tepid early support for a plan to build eight new privately owned casinos across the Lower Peninsula, with about 47 percent of poll respondents saying they'd favor the measure.

The group, Michigan First, says it plans to reveal more about the proposal soon, but the Free Press reported the group wants to build a new casinos in Oakland and Macomb counties, Romulus and Detroit, as well as in Grand Rapids, Lansing, Cadillac and the Bay City-Flint-Saginaw area.

Protect MI Vote said voter opposition for the Michigan First plan rose to 61 percent when respondents were given more detailed information about the pros and cons of the private casino expansion plan, with only 33 percent favoring it.

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Lofty ambitions | Area inventors entered in Walmart contest

By JOHN MATUSZAK
H-P Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — While many people are busy pulling things off of Walmart's shelves, four area entrepreneurs are trying to get their latest invention on the shelves through a nationwide contest.

The partners of Mi Innovations – Dr. Robert Stephen, Mark Parren, Bill Daley and Jim Roberts – have entered Loft Ledge, a bedside shelf that hooks to the top bunk in college dorms, in Walmart's "Get on the Shelf" contest.

They are joined by 4,000 other hopefuls seeking votes for their own brainstorms. Supporters can vote through text messaging or Facebook as many times as they want now through April 3. They are limited to one text vote and one Facebook vote per day.

The top 10 voter-getters will be entered in a second round of voting from April 11-24. The top three will get their product sold through Walmart's website, and the top invention will be marketed at the retail giant's stores. This is the first time a major retailer has launched this "American Idol" type contest.

"It's a long shot, but we're willing to take it," said Stephen, an emergency room doctor whose idea got the whole thing off the ground.

Four and a half years ago he was dropping off his son, Benjamin, at his college dorm for the first time. The freshman would be sleeping in the top bunk, and Stephen asked him where he would put his glasses, cell phone and alarm clock.

Benjamin said he could put most of those things on his desk, but he didn't want to have to climb down out of bed to hit the snooze button on his clock or to answer his phone.

Stephen, who had coached baseball at Lake Michigan Catholic High School, went home and fashioned a wooden shelf using the template for home plate. He added a tongue that would fit under the mattress and keep the shelf in place and also added a cup holder.

His son loved it and later asked: "Can you make 12 more of these? Because everybody on my dorm floor wants one."

Stephen, who has accumulated a list of 150 ideas for inventions over the years, knew he was onto something.

"I've always been a solution-oriented guy, someone who asks how can you make something better?" said Stephen, who is hoping to launch a new career.

He took the idea to Parren, who had built a cup holder and shelf for his ambulance when he was a paramedic and later patented an IV holder.

"Mark's a guru when it comes to ideas and getting things done," Stephen said.

"We think in parallel universes," added Parren about his friendship with Stephen.

They brought in lawyer Daley as their legal adviser and Roberts, head of Jim Roberts Enterprises, for his business and marketing consulting expertise.

Roberts calls Stephen and Parren his "Energizer bunnies" for their boundless enthusiasm.

He jokes that "I'm the cat herder" who keeps things moving forward with his business and engineering experience.

Roberts liked Loft Ledge because it was practical, simple, affordable "and kinda fun."

With classes of freshmen arriving on campuses every year, Roberts saw a steady market for the item.

They took the item to Tiger Studios, a product development company in Zeeland, along with six other ideas. The company picked Loft Ledge as a potential winner.

They added clips to Loft Ledge to hold a fan and a light and festooned it with school colors. The device was field-tested by 130 resident hall assistants at Grand Valley State University, who also gave it rave reviews, particularly the ability to

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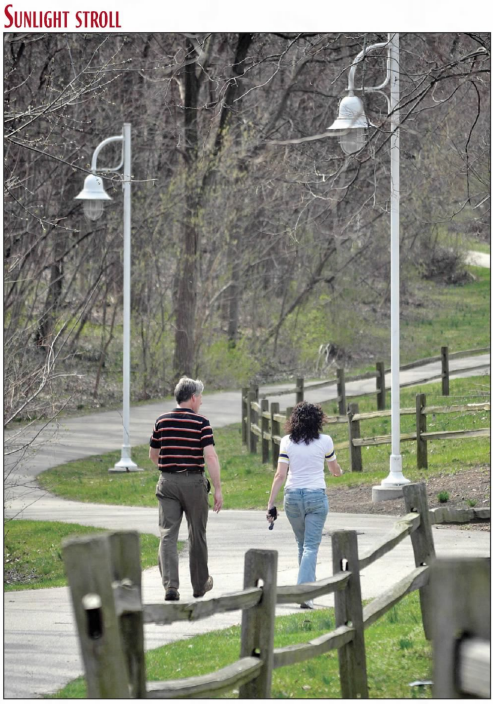
Submitted photo

Sarah Marzke, a senior at Lake Michigan Catholic School, appears in a YouTube video advertising a new invention called Loft Ledge, which has been entered in Walmart's "Get on the Shelf" contest for a chance to be sold by the retail giant. Loft Ledge, a bedside shelf which hooks to an upper bunk bed, was created by St. Joseph entrepreneurs Dr. Robert Stephen, Mark Parren, Jim Roberts and Bill Daley (a family friend of Marzke's). They are seeking online votes for their invention.

Sunlight stroll



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An unusually warm March brings out strollers along the Howard Family Recreational Trail Monday in St. Joseph.

Covert Township

Family puzzled by Shaver death

By BECKY BURKERT
For The Herald-Palladium

COVERT — Crystal Cummins waited nearly a month to hear from her boyfriend, Ivory Shaver III.

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When she learned his body had been discovered last week in a ditch in Covert Township, she said, "I lost it."

"It was unbelievable to me," said the 28-year-old, who is five months pregnant with Shaver's baby.

A Van Buren County Sheriff's Department special task force is studying leads and evidence surrounding Shaver's death. Meanwhile, Cummins and Shaver's stepbrother, Antonio Lewis, are doing some digging of their own.

"I've been looking into this over the past few days," said Lewis, 38, who identified Shaver's body last Thursday.

Neither Cummins or Lewis said they know how Shaver could have died.

An autopsy last Wednesday indicated he had not been shot or stabbed, according to Covert Police Chief Rick Winans. Those results have prompted police to turn to a forensic pathologist to conduct more tests. That investigation began Monday, but police are not releasing details from what they've gleaned.

"Until we can determine the cause of death, it could be anything," Winans said.

Some family members say they suspect foul play, and Cummins said she wonders about events surrounding Shaver's trip to Florida in February.

"I thought why is he doing this?" Cummins said, when Shaver texted her in mid-February to say he was going with several friends to Florida for the weekend.

"I was surprised he was going to Florida," she said. "Then he texted and said he was coming back. I don't think he was there that long, and all of a sudden the texts stopped."

Cummins said she didn't call police when Shaver failed to return home because she wasn't that worried.

"I can't tell you what my emotions were at that time," she said. "I didn't worry because to me he wasn't missing."

Cummins and Lewis each said Shaver had been struggling with depression and alcohol use.

"He drank a lot," Lewis said, saying he had further discovered his brother had been taking anti-depressant pills, prescribed to a woman he knew.

"He was trying to get his life together. He knew he had this newborn on the way," Lewis said. "He was trying to get a divorce from his wife, who lives in Arkansas. She was avoiding giving him an address."

Lewis went on to say that in talking to Shaver's friends over the weekend, he discovered he had hung around several methamphetamine and heroin users. Some may have been dealers, too.

"I'm finding out some different things about him that I didn't know about before," Lewis said.

Cummins has come under scrutiny from Shaver's relatives.

"There's a lot of rumors out there," said Lewis, who is staying at Cummins' home in Grand Junction to provide moral support to her and her two children. "A lot of family members don't know the pain and heartache she's dealing with. She had nothing to do with his death."

Cummins said Shaver was a Covert High School graduate and that his mother still lives in Covert.

His father, Ivory Shaver Jr., is in prison after being

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St. Joseph

Visions from cast-offs | Spring cleaning pays off for artists

By RALPH HEIBUTZKI
H-P Correspondent

ST. JOSEPH — Every artist has a bit of the picker in them, whether to find material to finish a project or go in a totally different direction.

Those tendencies are most pronounced in spring, when thoughts turn to making way for new things, St. Joseph photographer Elaine Harju said.

That's why she and husband, Ralph, brought two large boxes of photos to sell on Saturday during the Artists Garage Sale at the Box Factory for the Arts in St. Joseph.

"What I 'sprung clean' was my studio," Harju said. "My husband and I are in Camera Club, we are in competitions, and so we sold our competition pictures that we entered, that were accepted."

The couple brought about 100 photos in each box, which accounts for about 75 percent of the photos accepted in competitions, Harju said.

The prints ranged from people caught in daily activities to images of handmade ceramic bowls and a row of poplar trees.

Asked why she was selling so many distinctive images, Harju said, "Well, they were better than the ones that weren't accepted! Sometimes, the subject matter isn't something that people would be interested in. It just depends."

Barb Pries, the Box Factory's administrative assistant, estimated that 20 artists took part in Saturday's sale and is in its second year.

The event was billed as a chance for artists to do some spring cleaning, ranging from art supplies to art at bargain prices. In return, the venue takes 30 percent of the artist's sales, she said.

"If you're a friend of the Box, you could rent a table from us," Pries said. "Everybody sells their own stuff. And then, we always have stuff that artists leave here, (and) they never pick it up. So we also sell that."

Stevensville's Peggy Brozovich, on the other hand, sees herself as avid picker and spring cleaner

"I'm trying to clean out my garage, and help a friend clear out her crafts room," she said, explaining why she came to the sale.

Those efforts lay spread out across two tables – including handmade wooden stamps created by her friend, Joni King of Berrien Springs, and a box of colorful vintage glass bottles that Brozobich's sister, Valinda Vallier, also of Stevensville, has collected since she was a teenager.

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Niles

Boyfriend-girlfriend sex equals jail

Ex-Eau Claire student gets 90 days plus probation for sex in locker room with underage girl

By DEBRA HAIGHT
H-P Correspondent

NILES — His lawyer said his client didn't do anything like that of the "Niles Five" high school boys who threatened and extorted girls to have sex with them, but an Eau Claire teen was lectured by the prosecutor and judge for manipulating a younger girl to have sex with him.

The incidents last year in the boys locker room during lunch have landed Juan Carlos Romero, 19, of Naomi Road 90 days in jail and five years' probation. The sentence, handed down Monday in Berrien County Trial Court, was for fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct involving sexual contact with the girl March 8, 2011, at Eau Claire High School.

Romero also must register as a sex offender and pay $2,098 in fines and costs. He cannot have a computer or device able to connect to the Internet or own a camera.

According to statements in the court record and those made in court Monday, Romero, who was then an Eau Claire senior, had sex with the underage girl during the school day in the boys locker room. The situation came to the attention of police when the girl's mother found out about the relationship.

"This is not the Niles Five situation," defense lawyer Richard Racht said. "He is not someone we should be scared of. This is an unfortunate situation that likely happens more often than not. We don't tell teen high school boys that this can ruin the rest of their life."

Assistant Prosecutor Cara Wilkinson said that while she didn't doubt that the contact was consensual, she felt Romero manipulated the situation. The two had started dating when he was a junior and the girl a freshman.

"I believe there was a certain amount of manipulation here," she said. "He actively pursued her and talked about other girls he was seeing. So she agreed and they had sex multiple times in school, in the locker room during the lunch hour.

"He made a very bad decision and a very bad mistake," Wilkinson said. "It's noteworthy that the defendant said that it was not the girl's mother's decision to make."

Romero apologized for his actions. "If I had known,

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Photo by Ralph Heibutzki

Stevensville resident Peggy Brozovich proudly shows one of her latest finds: a toy knitting machine still packed in a box with '70s-style artwork.

ARTIST

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On another table stood 150 boxes of sewing patterns bearing distinctly 1960s and 1970s art, which came from a storage unit auction in Mishawaka, Ind., Brozovich said.

Brozovich found a vintage toy knitting machine in the original box. "It seems pretty old – look at (the cover model's) hair, and pant suit style. It's funny," she said.

Brozovich, who refinishes furniture, is considering whether to buy 30 white upholstered church pews being held at another storage unit.

"It's becoming a habit," Brozovich said, laughing. "I love it when they open the door – it's the first look into that storage unit."

Such pursuits recall the heated competition seen on the popular TV show, "Storage Wars," though the local action is seems more low-key.

"There could be a crowd of 100 (people), and only three or four people will actually bid. I think they're just waiting to see what someone else will do – how high a unit will go," she said.

Watervliet artist Susan Plee brought handmade jewelry, which reflects a longtime passion for giving "new life to things that people don't want anymore," she said – such as barrettes and earrings.

"For example, I'll take an earring and turn it into a decorative pin – a lot of times, I like to use feathers, because of the (suggestion of) movement. I'll get things from the thrift store, and embellish," she said.

Plee charges $2 to $5 per piece. On Saturday, though, she was happy to let her creations go for $1 each because she, too, wanted to clear out old inventory.

"I abhor how much people throw away. My philosophy is, 'Let's re-use some of these things, and give new life to them,'" she said.

Asked if she shares Brozovich's picking spirit, Plee said, "Yes, and no – I love flea markets. Right now, a lot of my picking's been through my mom's things, since she passed (in September). So you'll see a lot of her old jewelry, and my grandmother's old jewelry, in my pieces."

Berrien Springs hires building inspector

By DEBRA HAIGHT
H-P Correspondent

BERRIEN SPRINGS — The Berrien Springs Village Council agreed Monday night to hire Pipestone Township resident Keith Rogien as village building inspector.

He replaces Jim Hoover, who announced his retirement last month.

Rogien owns Rogien Construction and has been a building inspector since 2009. He is Dowagiac's building inspector and plans to continue that part-time job.

ROGIEN

Rogien and his wife, Mary, have two sons. His brother, Ross Rogien, is on the Berrien Township Board, and he is building inspector for Bainbridge Township and South Haven.

Keith Rogien said he began his building inspector career in Eau Claire and Watervliet. He began his Dowagiac duties in December.

Rogien told council members he plans to work out a schedule for Berrien Springs. He works Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings in Dowagiac.

"I'm looking forward to working with the village. I'm glad to be on board," he told council members Monday.

Council Trustee Robert Caulpetzer said members of the Finance and Personnel Committee interviewed Rogien last week and recommended he be hired. Rogien's salary will be $10,000 a year with a 90-day probationary period.

Hoover was the building inspector for Berrien Springs and Berrien Township. Rogien said after the meeting he had not applied for the Berrien Township opening.

Elliott seeks fresh term on Berrien board

By SCOTT AIKEN
H-P Staff Writer

BUCHANAN — Berrien County Commissioner R. McKinley "Mac" Elliott of Buchanan announced Monday that he is running for another term.

A Republican, Elliott, 56, represents the county board's 11th District in the southern and south central parts of the county.

A lawyer with offices in Niles, he has provided legal counsel to cities and towns in Southwest Michigan and northern Indiana.

Elliott served as a county commissioner from 1985 through 1994. He later became corporate counsel for the county, stepping down from that position when he was elected to the county board in 2010.

ELLIOTT

Elliott is chairman of the county board's Administration Committee, which has oversight responsibilities for the courts, sheriff's department, prosecutor's office, animal control and other county departments.

During his earlier years on the board, Elliott served as chairman for two years and vice chairman for four years.

While he was chairman, Elliott worked to incorporate Silver Beach into the county park system and to start strategic planning for county government, and re-engineering of county data, computer and office systems.

As a result of those initiatives, he said, the county remains a leader in information sharing technology and provides services in a more cost-effective manner.

Elliott obtained a bachelor's degree at Western Michigan University and his law degree at the University of Notre Dame. He has served as an adjunct faculty member in the Mendoza College of Business at Notre Dame.

Elliott has served as a director of the Berrien County Economic Development Commission, a member of the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation, Buchanan Area Fund and the McCoy Creek Watershed Committee.

He and his wife, Marta, have three children.

The 11th District takes in Buchanan, Berrien Springs, the townships of Bertrand and Buchanan, and the southern part of Oronoko Township.

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IN BRIEF

NRC, Palisades to meet publicly

SOUTH HAVEN — Nuclear Regulatory Commission regional staff members will meet with representatives of the Palisades nuclear power plant at 6 p.m. Wednesday to discuss 2011 plant performance, the NRC announced.

The meeting will be at the Beach Haven Event Center, 10420 M-140 in South Haven Township. The public can observe the meeting and ask NRC officials questions after the business portion of the meeting.

War of 1812 comes to Coloma in 2012

COLOMA — Lake Michigan College history professor Chris Paine will give a free, public presentation on the War of 1812 at 7 p.m. tonight at the North Berrien Historical Museum, organizers said. Refreshments will be served after the presentation.

The museum is at 300 Coloma Ave., across from the high school.

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I would have waited those five months (when the girl would turn 16)," he said. "I understand the laws a lot better now."

"This is the textbook case of the wonderful society we have gone wrong," Judge Dennis Wiley said. "I realize that people, including teens, have been engaging in sexual relationships since Adam and Eve, but the issue here goes beyond all that.

"Our society has set certain standards, and we set up our own morals that conflict with reality," he said. "The law has said that people can engage in a sexual relationship at a certain age when they reach a certain level of maturity. You didn't need a billboard to tell you that sex with a girl under age 16 is illegal.

"Right off the bat, you're a junior and she's a freshman and you're scoping her out, and all for what? For your sexual gratification. Emotionally she's not equipped to make the decision. What's very disturbing to me is that after her mother told you to stay away, you said it was none of her business and you disobeyed her.

"You have many fine qualities, but you went down the wrong road," Wiley told Romero. "You're not a predator like we have seen, but you did use a 15-year-old for your own purposes and pleasure."

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convicted last year for first-degree murder in the 1998 beating death of Deborah Bootbhy outside a Covert Township bar.

Van Buren County court records show that Ivory Shaver III pleaded guilty in May 2008 to domestic violence and paid a $500 fine and was given 6 months probation.

Lewis said Shaver was convicted for driving under the influence in 2009 and had an unpaid traffic ticket in 2010. Chief Winans said the only thing he was aware regarding Shaver's record was traffic-related offenses.

CONTEST

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personalize the surface.

While they were exploring other marketing possibilities, including a tie-in with Pepsi, Roberts alerted the team to the Walmart contest.

The only problem was that, at that point, they only had about two weeks to produce and submit a video touting the product for posting on YouTube.

They scrambled to get the job done, with Parren (who is a freelance photographer for The Herald-Palladium) acting as videographer. Daley's son, Will, a graduate of Lake Michigan Catholic, and Sarah Marzke, a senior at the school, were enlisted to act in the video.

The clip shows Will Daley waking up and fumbling to find his ringing cellphone amid a mass of blankets and books in his upper bunk, only to have it fall to the floor. Sarah, on the other hand, easily reaches her phone, which is resting on her Loft Ledge, and gives one to her boyfriend with tantalizing results.

They had originally included Led Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven" as background music until Bill Daley warned that using the song would cost in the five-figure range. Generic music was quickly substituted.

Walmart's wave

The Walmart contest has unleashed a wave of latent inventiveness across the country. Submissions include everything from something that prevents ingrown hairs, to a hangover cure. Entries from Michigan include an all-in-one house cleaning apparatus and a dentist's tooth brush training toy for kids.

Around 275,000 votes overall have been cast so far. The Loft Ledge video had 658 views on YouTube by Monday afternoon.

Roberts doesn't know how many votes the invention had received so far, but thinks the Loft Ledge has a pretty good chance of winning. And even if it doesn't win, he figures that Walmart's executives will be looking for other potential big sellers.

The next prototype of Loft Ledge will include an induction coil to charge cellphones and other electronic devices.

The men of Mi Innovations aren't putting all of their eggs in one basket. They are still pursuing a deal with Pepsi and are trying to contact people at Coca-Cola.

People can vote for Loft Ledge by texting 5009 to the number 383838 or by going to www.getontheshelf.com/product/5009/Loft-Ledge.

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Lawyer describes meeting with massacre suspect

By GENE JOHNSON and JOHN MILBURN
Associated Press

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — The lawyer for the Army sergeant accused of slaughtering 16 Afghan civilians met with his client behind bars for the first time Monday to begin building a defense and said the soldier gave a powerfully moving account of what it is like to be on the ground in Afghanistan.

Lawyer John Henry Browne said he and Robert Bales, who is being held in an isolated cell at the military prison, met for more than three hours in the morning at Fort Leavenworth. Browne, co-counsel Emma Scanlan and Bales were expected to talk again in the afternoon.

"What's going on on the ground in Afghanistan, you read about it. I read about it. But it's totally different when you hear about it from somebody who's been there," Browne told The Associated Press by telephone during a lunch break. "It's just really emotional."

Bales, 38, has not been charged yet in the March 11 shootings, which sparked protests in Afghanistan, endangered relations between the two countries and threatened to upend American policy over the decade-old war. Formal charges could be filed within a week.

Browne, a Seattle attorney who defended serial killer Ted Bundy and a thief known as the "Barefoot Bandit," has said he has handled three or four military cases. The defense team includes a military defense lawyer, Maj. Thomas Hurley.

BALES

At their meeting, Browne said Bales clarified a story, provided initially by the soldier's family, about the timing of a roadside bomb that blew off the leg of one of Bales' friends. It was two days before the shooting, not one, and Bales didn't see the explosion, just the aftermath, Browne said.

The details of the blast could not be immediately confirmed.

Military officials have said that Bales, after drinking on a southern Afghanistan base, crept away to two villages overnight, shooting his victims and setting many of them on fire. Nine of the dead were children and 11 belonged to one family.

Bales arrived at Fort Leavenworth last Friday and is being held in the same prison as other prominent defendants. Pfc. Bradley Manning, who is charged with leaking classified documents to the WikiLeaks website, has been held there on occasion as he awaited trial.

Bales is "already being integrated into the normal pretrial confinement routine," post spokeswoman Rebecca Steed said.

That includes recreation, meals and cleaning the area where he is living. Steed said once his meetings with his attorneys are complete later in the week, Bales will resume the normal integration process.

Bales' family said through his defense lawyers over the weekend that they are stunned by the accusations, but are standing by a man they knew "as a devoted husband, father and dedicated member of the armed services."

Court records and interviews show that Bales had commendations for good conduct after four tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. He enlisted in the military after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

He also faced a number of troubles in recent years: A Florida investment job went sour, his Seattle-area home was condemned as he struggled to make payments on another, and he failed to get a recent promotion.

Legal troubles included charges that he assaulted a girlfriend and, in a hit-and-run accident, ran bleeding in military clothes into the woods, according to court records. He told police he fell asleep at the wheel and paid a fine to get the charges dismissed.

In March 1998, Bales was given a $65 citation for possessing alcohol at Daytona Beach, Fla. He did not pay the fine nor did he defend himself in court. A warrant was issued for his arrest, but it later expired.

If the case goes to court, the trial will be held in the U.S., said a legal expert with the U.S. military familiar with the investigation who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the case.

AP Photo

New York City Council members Jumaane Williams (second left) and Ydanis Rodriguez (center) join Occupy Wall Street protesters to denounce what they say is the NYPD's excessive use of force against demonstrators in New York's Zuccotti Park on Monday. Police arrested 73 people on Saturday after hundreds of activists had gathered to mark the sixth-month birthday of the movement.

Occupy protesters push for May 1 general strike

By VERENA DOBNIK
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Occupy Wall Street activists on Monday called for supporters to skip work on May 1 to protest what they're calling police brutality during 73 arrests in New York during the weekend.

Several dozen activists joined members of New York's City Council for a news conference in Zuccotti Park to complain about police tactics. On Saturday, police started detaining people after hundreds of Occupy supporters gathered in the park to mark six months since the start of the movement.

Occupy organizers across the country have been mobilizing for months toward a one-day general strike in May.

They're encouraging people to stay out of work and school, and to refrain from spending money. In New York, a coalition of unions and worker justice groups are planning a solidarity march through the city.

Council members at Monday's news conference included Ydanis Rodriguez, a Manhattan Democrat who denounced police actions, while proposing that the council create a "Protester's Bill of Rights" to establish basic rights.

"I am here today because Saturday night I saw the New York Police Department using brutal, excessive force arresting people who were protesting peacefully," Rodriguez told the news conference. "We are calling on Mayor Bloomberg and Commissioner Kelly to fight for our constitutional rights as hard as they fight terrorism."

Bloomberg countered that members of the NYPD were respectful of protesters' rights.

"This police department knows how to control crowds without excessive force," the mayor said. "They do allow you to protest but they don't let it get out of hand."

He said police have put up barricades around the park again because protesters were breaking park rules against setting up tents in the privately owned public space.

But Liesbeth Rapp, a 27-year-old activist who was there Saturday, said police "charged" protesters and forced them in groups onto nearby sidewalks.

In tears, Rapp said she ended up next to a young woman who suffered a head injury in the scuffle.

"We were all on the ground, and they were on top of us," she said. "She was holding her head and screaming."

School shooting rocks France

By CLARE BYRNE
McClatchey News Service

PARIS — France was in mourning Monday after four people, including a father and his two daughters, were gunned down at a Jewish school in the southern city of Toulouse, bringing to seven the number of people killed by a gunman or gunmen in the area within a week.

The killer struck shortly after 8 a.m., as children were arriving at Ozar Hatorah secondary school, which is situated next to a synagogue.

Alighting from his scooter, he opened fire on children and parents assembled outside the school, pursuing one child into the schoolyard, where he continued firing with a second weapon after his revolver jammed, before fleeing on the scooter.

"He fired on everything in front of him, whether parents or children," Toulouse prosecutor Michel Valet said.

A 30-year-old religion teacher, his two daughters ages 6 and 3, and the 8-year-old daughter of the school principal were killed. A 17-year-old boy was taken to hospital in a critical condition.

One parent who witnessed the attack said the man was "shooting at point-blank range, not even a meter away (from his victims)."

French President Nicolas Sarkozy called the attack a "national tragedy" and announced a minute of mourning in all schools today.

"We don't know the motivations of this criminal," he said. But in "attacking Jewish children and a teacher, the anti-Semitic motivation seems clear," Sarkozy said.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a statement that, while it was "too early" to draw conclusions, he suspected "a strong murderous anti-Semitic motive."

Sarkozy and Interior Minister Claude Gueant both said they suspected the killer of also being behind two attacks last week on soldiers in Toulouse and the nearby town of Montauban.

On March 11, a gunman – also traveling by scooter – shot to death a soldier in Toulouse whom he had arranged to meet under a false pretext.

Four days later, a man on a scooter opened fire on three soldiers on the street near a military base in Montauban, about 30 miles from Toulouse, killing two and seriously injuring a third. Two of the dead soldiers were of North African origin; the third was of Caribbean origin.

Police said the same pistol was used in all three attacks and that the registration plate of the scooter, as picked up by surveillance cameras at the school, matched that of the scooter seen speeding away from the scene of the Montauban attack.

Faced with the threat of further attacks, Sarkozy announced he was increasing the terrorist threat level in the Midi-Pyrenees region, which includes Toulouse, to scarlet – the country's highest level.

Gueant would lead the investigation, Sarkozy said, assuring gravely: "We will find him."

Monday's shootings comprise the worst attack on the Jewish community in France since 1982, when six people were killed in a grenade and shooting attack on a Jewish delicatessen in Paris.

"We were all very shocked," a young schoolgirl told BFM TV, describing how parents and children huddled together in prayer after the attack.

On Monday evening, more than 1,000 people packed a synagogue in central Paris for a memorial service that was attended by Sarkozy and his wife, Carla Bruni-Sarkozy.

Sarkozy's Socialist rival in next month's presidential election, Francois Hollande, and his partner also attended the service.

In Toulouse, meanwhile, members of the Jewish community were attending a wake of the victims' bodies at the school.

Security has been stepped up around Jewish schools and synagogues across the country.

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Airlines may relax rules on electronic gadgets

By JOAN LOWY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government is taking a tentative step toward making it easier for airlines to allow passengers to use personal electronic devices such as tablets, e-readers and music players during takeoffs and landings.

The Federal Aviation Administration said Monday it is "exploring ways to bring together all of the key stakeholders involved" – including airlines, aircraft manufacturers, consumer electronics makers, and flight attendant unions – to discuss whether there are practical ways to test devices to see if they are safe for passengers to use during critical phases of flight.

Technically, FAA rules already permit any airline to test specific makes and models to determine if they generate enough power that they could interfere with sensitive cockpit radios, navigation instruments and other critical equipment. But few airlines have done that kind of extensive testing because there are so many devices.

Instead, the fallback position has been to comply with FAA rules requiring passengers to turn off all electronic devices while the aircraft's altitude is below 10,000 feet.

Even if a device were tested and approved for use today, later iterations of the same machine might be different enough that they'd have to be tested again. Today's Apple iPad, for example, isn't the same as the original iPad developed three years ago.

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Can Europe's left rebound?

E.J. Dionne

A crisis of capitalism is supposed to create an opening for the political left. But in Europe, the place where the concept of left and right was born, political conservatives have won the bulk of the elections held since economic catastrophe struck in 2008.

Is this about to change?

The conservative victory most noted in the U.S. was the rise to power of David Cameron, the British prime minister feted at the White House last week. The Conservatives won only a plurality of the parliamentary seats against the Labor Party in the 2010 elections. But they drove Labor to its worst showing since 1983 and were able to put together a coalition government with the center-left Liberal Democrats. Cameron has gotten good press in the U.S., even from liberals who wish the American right would follow Cameron's moderate and modernizing ways.

Cameron's was not a singular victory. German Chancellor Angela Merkel's Christian Democrats were re-elected in 2009, and the center-right also prevailed in recent voting in Spain, Portugal, the Netherlands – and also Sweden, the very heartland of social democracy.

The question is whether 2012 will mark a comeback by a left invigorated by a growing unhappiness with rising economic inequalities and a backlash against austerity policies aimed at saving Europe's common currency.

The biggest test will come in two rounds of voting on April 22 and May 6 in France, where center-right President Nicolas Sarkozy has been trailing Francois Hollande, a moderate Socialist. The French election has already presaged a new trans-European form of politics. Merkel has made clear her preference for Sarkozy, which has prompted the idea that the voting is actually a referendum on a candidate named "Merkozy."

To preserve the euro, Merkel and Sarkozy have pushed for tough austerity policies, particularly in Greece. Hollande has argued that their budget-slashing approach has stifled growth across the continent. The French Socialist has also highlighted the inequality issue, calling for substantially higher taxes on the very rich. If he wins, Hollande would probably not be able to alter European Union policies as much as his campaign talk suggests, but a Socialist victory would open up the economic debate to more expansionary, Keynesian approaches.

One politician watching those elections closely is Ed Miliband, who took over as leader of the British Labor Party after its 2010 defeat. He's had some difficult moments since he narrowly defeated his brother, the broadly respected former British foreign secretary David Miliband, in a closely fought leadership contest. The oddity of a brother-against-brother race has not been easy to live down.

But Ed Miliband has been doing better lately, helped by his assault against Cameron's proposal to open Britain's popular National Health System to more private-sector elements. Labor has edged back ahead in the polls, though an election is not likely until 2015.

In a telephone interview from Britain during Cameron's recent visit, Miliband said he was not surprised by the center-right's triumphs in the years immediately after the crisis. "The right got an opening," he said, "because at times of fiscally difficult circumstances, they're the ones who say they know how to fix these things."

But austerity policies in Britain and elsewhere have failed to restore robust growth, and in the meantime, an ever larger number of voters have concluded that "the system is not working for the vast number of working people."

Miliband added: "The promise of free market capitalism, Reagan-Thatcher style, was that it would deliver for the vast majority, if not for the poor, but it's not working for the vast majority."

Yet the left, Miliband acknowledged, still has to overcome "a great skepticism about what government and politics can achieve" and revive hope "that things can be different than they are." He's trying to re-establish Labor's organizational roots in working class communities, and knows Labor needs to increase public confidence that it would both improve the way government works and lay out a "clear sense of priorities."

There is still skepticism about the 42-year-old Miliband's capacity to win. But he poses exactly the right question about contemporary conservatives: "Do they have any vision for the future that goes beyond reducing the deficit? That's the right's vulnerability and the left's opportunity." This is a challenge that both President Obama and the Republicans who want to replace him might usefully ponder.

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Obama, Santorum are manufacturing a myth

Steve Chapman

Barack Obama and Rick Santorum probably couldn't agree that August falls in summer, but on one important issue they are closer than the Winklevoss twins. Both regard manufacturing as precious beyond words, and both think the federal government should be making special efforts to promote it.

Obama favors an array of tax breaks to induce manufacturers to keep jobs in the United States, and Santorum wants to completely scrap the corporate income tax on companies in this particular sector.

"Everybody benefits when manufacturing is going strong," said the president. Santorum recently lamented, "We have the manufacturing sector of the economy when I was growing up that was 21 percent of the workforce. It's now nine."

These are not exactly new sentiments. Walter Mondale, the 1984 Democratic presidential nominee, demanded, "What do we want our kids to do? Sweep up around the Japanese computers?"

In 1992, independent presidential candidate Ross Perot, railing against the North American Free Trade Agreement, forecast "a giant sucking sound" caused by jobs going to Mexico. Pundits galore have long warned that we are "losing our manufacturing base."

But if nostalgia were a sound guide to economic policy, we should be building Studebakers and rotary telephones. Neither Santorum nor Obama seems to grasp the realities of manufacturing in 21st-century America.

The first is that it's not declining in the ways that matter. Compared to1990, the total value of U.S. manufacturing output, adjusted for inflation, was up by 75 percent in 2010 – despite a drop caused by the Great Recession.

It has declined as a share of gross domestic product only because other industries have expanded even more rapidly. Economist Mark J. Perry of the University of Michigan-Flint points out that in 2009, the total value of America's manufacturing output was nearly 46 percent greater than China's. Over the past two decades, our share of the world's manufacturing has been pretty stable.

The decline in the number of manufacturing jobs is taken as evidence that the sector is sick or uncompetitive or the victim of unfair trade practices. In reality, the change indicates sound health. Our manufacturing workers have become so much more productive that they can churn out more goods with a far smaller workforce.

Manufacturing accounts for a shrinking slice of the total economy mainly because as we grow wealthier, we spend a smaller portion of our income on physical products, like cars and appliances, and a bigger one on services, from health care to cellphone contracts to restaurant meals. That phenomenon holds across the developed world.

It's the result of the free market at work, endlessly shifting resources to accommodate changes in consumer demand. Politicians don't think they should tell Americans to eat at Burger King instead of Chipotle, or buy baseball bats instead of soccer balls. They didn't insist we keep our typewriters when personal computers came along.

For the most part, our leaders take it as normal and sensible to defer to consumer demand, rather than try to dictate it. Given that, why do they think they ought to rig the tax code to push consumption dollars from services, which Americans want, to goods, which they don't want quite so much? Why should they divert investment from more popular businesses to less popular ones?

That's what the measures offered by Santorum and Obama would do. The point is to ease the tax burden of manufacturers at the expense of other companies, on the superstition that the former are more valuable than the latter.

In fact, manufacturing is bound to be a diminishing share of any advanced economy. Obama and Santorum can fling money into the teeth of that trend. But anytime politicians want to resist powerful and beneficial economic forces, bet on the economic forces.

Steve Chapman is a columnist for The Chicago Tribune.

Letters

Schroeder's style should be celebrated, not scorned

Editor,

Wow! I think it is the Lakeshore administrators (namely Superintendent Cynthia Vujea, and anyone else who may be involved) who should be attending sensitivity training based on their response to teacher Christine Schroeder and her "controversial" quiz.

In an open and healthy dialog, we must admit that we all have stereotypes (consciously or subconsciously). Through open and constructive dialogs, we can promote healing and the process of putting these attitudes in their proper perspective. Some of the best teachers I have had "delved into" uncomfortable, but teachable topics, as Christine does. To Vujea's credit, organizing a task force for positive interaction within the community is a step forward. I side with Christine when she promotes these open discussions as a part of this process.

Based on her past work experiences and her training, she is well qualified to be involved in this change. However, she should be accompanied by other educational staff to participate in sensitivity training. Perhaps Lakeshore schools district could bring the program onsite. I admire Christine's enthusiasm to participate.

I was born and raised in Benton Harbor, and I was proud to be a part of their public school program. Many of the excellent teachers I have had fearlessly attacked uncomfortable issues that, by today's standards, would have them suspended, if not fired. That is too bad, because those are the teachers who left the most lasting impressions and influences. We need more teachers like Mrs. Schroeder who teach creative thinking skills rather than the learning of rote material that is regurgitated on tests and later forgotten.

Fred Summerfelt
St. Joseph

Early education efforts are vital to many children

Editor,

During this spring season of renewal and growth, I ask you to think about the importance of early childhood education. If young children are given the very best opportunities to grow and learn, to be healthy and safe, and to receive the support they and their families need to meet their daily needs, those children will grow to their fullest potential.

For children who grow to that potential, there is a reduction in spending for remediation, special education, law enforcement involvement and public assistance. There are improved graduation rates, home ownership and lifetime earnings.

A local group dedicated to the above goals is the Van Buren Great Start Collaborative. This group is comprised of parents and professionals. They are dedicated to making children a priority and to ensure that our children are safe, healthy and ready to succeed in school. Please consider joining this group. If you want more information, please contact Margie Murphy, director. She can be reached at 269-539-5205 or by email at mmurphy@vbisd.org

Joseph R. Leary
Administrator
Van Buren Court
Member
Van Buren Great Start
Collaborative

Story was not fair to River Valley custodians

Editor,

You disgraced yourself with your March 10 holier-than-thou reporting that pilloried three River Valley school custodians. If indeed these workers did wander from the straight and narrow, they did not wander far. By no standard of responsible journalism would their alleged acts merit the punishing sensationalism that you inflicted on them. Where was your sense of justice and proportion, where your human decency, where your professional judgment?

Norman Pava
Berrien Springs

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ANOTHER OPINION

Creating access key to local food distribution

The jury came in on this one a long time ago – we love locally grown food, we know it's good for us and tastes great and we want more.

But the question is what it always has been – how to make it happen?

The Northwest Michigan Food & Farming Network recently announced it aims to increase the amount of food purchased locally in our region to 20 percent by 2020, and it has some ideas how to do that.

Twenty percent is a lot of food. Think about how much passes through your own kitchen every week and do the math – two of every 10 items need to come from here. Toss out the Florida orange juice, the frozen peas, the canned soup, the bottled tea and the dozens of other processed foods that are so much a part of our diet.

Sure, you can find some local greenhouse-grown lettuce in the dead of winter, and there is outstanding local cheese and lots of local bakeries. And during the summer, the local bounty – vegetables, cherries, corn, fruit and more – is overwhelming.

But translating that into 20 percent of what we eat every day is going to take effort on the part of consumers, growers and local merchants.

Mostly, though, it will take a change in attitude.

In 2008 Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools began a major effort to buy local food for its lunch program. Dining service administrator Michael Bauer led an effort to bring fresh, locally grown food into the system's cafeterias. Food crews prepared all meals from scratch with local meat, local herbs and local vegetables. Finding local sources for that food was work.

At a food summit last month, the Traverse City Area Chamber of Commerce said it will require at least 20 percent of food at its catered events to come from local sources and encouraged chamber members to follow suit. Given the large number of conferences and meetings every week, that's a lot of food.

A lot of this is already taking place. Local farmers markets are expanding, local supermarkets are featuring food made and grown here and many area restaurants are putting more and more local food on the menu. To reach critical mass, though, we need more, and that starts with consumers.

There are no downsides here. Local food tastes great and usually doesn't contain the many preservatives found in processed national brands. Buying local supports farms and farmers and the open spaces we all love. And the more we buy the greater the depth and variety of local foods we'll have.

– Traverse City Record-Eagle

Obituaries

Michelle (Ballard) Masterson

ST. JOSEPH — Michelle Marie (Ballard) Masterson, 43, of Hixson, Tenn., went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, after a long courageous battle with illness.

MASTERSON

She was born and raised in Southwest Michigan. Michelle graduated from Lakeshore High School and Western Michigan University. She was a dedicated employee of Memorial Hospital, Chattanooga, Tenn., and CHI for five years, where she was a member of the Healthcare Fraud Prevention Group.

Those who knew her will always remember her as a loving wife, mother and friend. Her friends and family will greatly miss her genuine faithfulness, caring and generosity. She was a Girl Scout leader and fifth grade girl's basketball coach at St. Jude.

Michelle is survived by her husband, Bob; daughters, Bailley, Kendra and Lauren; her parents, Marilyn and Rob Kibler of Watervliet, James and Gloria Ballard of Coloma; brother, Jim Ballard of St. Joseph; stepbrothers, Michael Wise of Atlanta, Christopher Wise of Cartersville, Ga., and Kevin Wise of Fort Wayne, Ind.

A Mass of Celebration for Michelle was Friday at St. Jude Catholic Church, in Chattanooga, with Father Charlie Burton officiating. Burial followed in Hamilton Memorial Gardens in Hixson.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Michelle's name to St. Jude Catholic Church and school.

Arrangements are by the North Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home, Crematory and Florist, 5401 Highway 153, Hixson, TN 37343. Please share your thoughts and memories at www.chattanooganorthchapel.com.

Wilbur C. Wilken Jr.

ST. JOSEPH — Wilbur C. Wilken Jr., 87, of St. Joseph passed away on Saturday, March 17, 2012, at Park Place Assisted Living in Kalamazoo.

WILKEN

Wilbur was born on Sept. 5, 1924, in Mishawaka, Ind., to Wilbur C. and Albina Julia (Ebel) Wilken Sr. Wilbur proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean Conflict. He retired in 1989 after years of service with the Indiana Michigan Power Co., Benton Harbor.

On Sept. 8, 1950, in Mishawaka, he married Maryetta May "Sue" (Hope) Wilken, who survives. He is also survived by his son, David C. (Jo Ann) Wilken of Wauwatosa, Wis.; daughter, Dawn E. (Larry) Pallas of Portage, Mich.; grandchildren, Justin Pallas, Andrew Wilken, Mindy O'Brien, Jill Wilken, Julie Wilken, Ashley Wilken, and great-granddaughter, Kayla Pallas.

Wilbur was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Louis and Richard Wilken, a sister, Judith Skene, and a granddaughter, Angel Pallas.

Wilbur was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in St. Joseph, where a Celebration of Life Service will be held at 11:30 a.m., Friday, March 23, officiated by the Rev. Glenn Rosenbaum of the church. Burial will follow in North Shore Memory Gardens, where military honors will be presented by the North Berrien Military Rites Team, Coloma.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, March 22, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, MI. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Research and Grace Lutheran High School. Those wishing to sign Wilbur's Memory Book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

James E. Rouse

DECATUR — James E. Rouse, 76, of Decatur passed away Friday, March 16, 2012, at home. "Big Jim," as he was known, was born Dec. 7, 1935, in Paw Paw, the son of Howard Edgar and Erma Elizabeth (Benesh). He proudly served in the U.S. Navy. He was employed by the D.C. Cook Nuclear power plant, Bridgman, as a union painter for 30 years. He was a former member of the Moose Lodge in Dowagiac. Big Jim was an avid hunter and fisherman, looking forward each year for the morel mushroom season. He was well known for his restoration of vintage trunks, which he sold locally and nationwide. He also enjoyed antique shows and working in his yard. Jim's most important passion was his family.

ROUSE

He married Eleanor Reits on Sept. 6, 1958, in Decatur, and she survives. Also surviving are three daughters, Terra J. Shroyer of Dowagiac and his son-in-law, Jon Shroyer of Decatur, Rhonda S. (Mark) Emaus of Senoia, Ga., Kimberly J. (Bob) Danielson of Decatur; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and his beloved dog, Ace.

Jim will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Cremation has taken place. There will be no services. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. Condolences to the family may be sent to, byfit@comcast.net.

Josh Hopkins

BENTON HARBOR — Josh Hopkins, 93, of Benton Harbor died March 16, 2012, at the New Orchard Grove Extended Care Centre, Benton Harbor.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 22, at Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, 204 S. Fair Ave., Benton Harbor. There will be no visitation. Burial will take place on Thursday, March 22, at Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, Mich.

Mr. Hopkins was born on April 12, 1918, in Greenwood, Miss., the son of Allen Hopkins and Estella (Burlock) Hopkins. He was a World War II Army veteran and was a laborer in the farming industry.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two sisters, Martha Spells and Louise Martin.

He is survived by a friend, Cora Mae McCoy; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Karen L. Conway

SEBRING, FLA. — Karen L. Conway, 73, of Sebring, Fla., former area resident, died, March 10, 2012, in Sebring. She was born in Kalamazoo, daughter of the late Kenneth Rose and Velma (Baker) Rose. She was a bookkeeper and was an avid outdoorsman. Karen was active in several fraternal organizations, including the Elks and Moose. She and Carl Grose shared their lives between Sebring in the winter months and summers at Christie Lake, Decatur, Mich.

Karen is survived by her daughter, Dixie (Russell) Tefs, St. Joseph; brother, Douglas (Grace) Rose, Decatur; one grandchild and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials are requested to the American Cancer Society.

Morris Funeral Chapel, Sebring. www.morrisfunerals.com.

Shirley Parrish

SOUTH HAVEN — Shirley Parrish, 87, of South Haven died Saturday, March 17, 2012, at her home. She was born on May 22, 1924, to Louis and Mary (Scanlan) Otto in South Haven. Shirley married George E. Parrish on May 25, 1946. She belonged to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and the American Legion Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, George E. Parrish; son, Chuck Parrish; sister, Alice Clarke; two brothers, Richard and Donald Otto; and an infant granddaughter.

She is survived by her children, George W. Parrish of Fennville; Louis O. Parrish and Duff (Diane) Parrish, both of South Haven, and Deborah K. Parrish of Lawrence; a sister, Naomi Ignelzi of Port Ritchie, Fla.; 11 grandchildren; one stepgrandchild; and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 21, at Lakeview Cemetery, with the Rev. Robert Linstrom officiating. Kindly share your thoughts and memories on the family's online guestbook at www.Filbrandtffh.com. The family is being helped by the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home of South Haven.

Robb Canning

SOUTH HAVEN — "Underway, Shift colors!" Much like his favorite ship, Robb Canning left home port for his final cruise, March 17, 2012, losing his battle with cancer. Or, as he would have said, "I stopped pumping blood and sucking air."

CANNING

Robb attended South Haven schools and worked for various local manufacturers as an electrical/electronics maintenance man.

He joined the U.S. Navy in 1969, retiring in 1992. His entire naval career was spent in the Pacific Theater, but he was especially proud to have served with the 7th Fleet onboard the USS Reeves CG-24, home port in Yokusuka, Japan. He was still in touch with many of his shipmates and friends, and hosted the unofficial FOX Division reunion annually.

Robb enjoyed talking to people, partying, working on his old truck and building model ships and boats. He loved spending time with his wife, Susie, traveling the country, attending NASCAR races and sailing on Lake Michigan. Being around family, especially all the grandchildren, was always a special treat.

His Rottweilers were his special friends and companions. They were always together somewhere. Tank, T.J. and Ashley loved him, too and T.J. stayed beside him until the end.

He is survived by his wonderful wife and friend, Susan (Reed) Canning of South Haven; mom and dad – Betty and Milton O'flynn of South Haven; brother, John Canning of Ticaboo, Utah; sister, Bell (Arnie) Polmanteer of South Haven; son, Jason (Corey) Canning of Bangor and granddaughters, Lily and Kiera; son, Mike (Kristen) Canning and grandson, Cael of Bangor; daughter, Jennifer Phelps and grandsons, Nick and Jacob of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Tonya Smith of Monroe, Mich. Obituary written by Robb Canning.

Memorial service will be held at The Curve Inn, 10336 Blue Star Highway, South Haven, Mich., at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 14. Kindly share your thoughts and memories on the family's online guest book at www.FilbrandtFFH.com.

The family is being helped by the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home of South Haven.

Nicholas Thomas Nelson

SOUTH HAVEN — Nick Nelson, 65, of South Haven died from leukemia on March 12, 2012, at VA Medical Center in Ann Arbor.

NELSON

He was born in South Haven on Oct. 2, 1946, to Norman and Vivian (Diebold) Nelson. He attended school in South Haven until the end of his junior year of high school, then moved to Paw Paw and graduated from Paw Paw High School in 1965. He was in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1969, serving in Vietnam for 13 months. He graduated with a bachelor of science in art education from Western Michigan University in 1977. After graduating, he taught high school art in Goshen, Ind.

He and his family moved to Phoenix, Ariz., for six years before moving back to South Haven. He started a wholesale business, which he ran until he started having health problems. Nick had many interests, but enjoyed his family most of all. He liked boxing and trained with Gene "Spider" Mock in California in 1970. Other interests were watching boxing, classic movies, news and politics. He also loved cars, both old and new. He was a talented artist and enjoyed working on art projects. In 1977, Nick won first place in sculpture at the Michigan State Fair in Detroit. He was known for his wonderful sense of humor and positive attitude. Even while hospitalized, he joked with the doctors and nurses.

Nick married Carolyn Marrs on April 1, 1972.

He is survived by his wife, three children, Cati Nelson of Holland, Mich., Nicholas (Stephanie) Nelson of Hamilton, Mich., and Nathanael Nelson of South Haven; two grandchildren, Sebastian and Natalie Nelson; four sisters-in-law and their husbands, Barbara (Jerry) Bolt of Mesa, Ariz., Elaine (Fred) Goulden of Miami, Ariz., Marian (Lynn) Johnson of Battle Creek, Mich., and Joan (Bruce) Barrett of Caledonia, Mich. His stepfather, Garner DeWaters, and many nieces and nephews also survive.

He was preceded in death by his father, in 1963, his mother, in 2011, his sister, Pamela Hiatt, in 2011 and his sister, Patty Nelson when she was an infant. His father was South Haven's first city manager and died in a race car accident when Nick was 16.

There will be no services and cremation will take place. Midwest Crematory, 678 E. Hupp Road, La Porte, IN is caring for the arrangements.

Please send condolences to the family at www.midwestcrematory.com.

Death notices

Robb Canning, South Haven, died March 17. Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, South Haven, 637-0333.

Karen L. Conway, 73, Sebring, Fla., former area resident, died March 10 in Sebring. Morris Funeral Chapel, Sebring, 863-385-0101.

Josh Hopkins, 93, Benton Harbor, died March 16 at New Orchard Grove Extended Care Centre, Benton Harbor. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Mary Lucille Hubbard, 80, Niles, died March 19. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Niles, 683-1155.

Michelle Marie (Ballard) Masterson, 43, Hixson, Tenn., formerly of St. Joseph, died March 13. Chattanooga (Tenn.) Funeral Home, Crematory and Florist, 423-698-2541.

Nicholas Thomas Nelson, 65, South Haven, died March 12 at VA Medical Center, Ann Arbor, Mich. Midwest Crematory, LaPorte, Ind. 219-393-3900.

Shirley Parrish, 87, South Haven, died March 17 at home. Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, South Haven, 637-0333.

Leonard Marion Rachubinski, 83, Bridgman, died March 17 at Lakeland Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph. Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239 (866-269-3866).

Linda J. Rose, 68, Mattawan, died March 16. Betzler Funeral Home, Kalamazoo, 375-2900.

James E. Rouse, 76, Decatur, died March 16 at home. Newell Funeral Home, Decatur, 423-2561.

Richard A. Seiler, 71, Paw Paw, died March 17 in Kalamazoo. Betzler & Thompson Funeral Home, Paw Paw, 657-3870 (800)-822-7594.

Births

Lakeland Community Hospital Niles

Berrien Center — Boy, 8 pounds 11 ounces, Melissa Fernandez, 7:22 a.m. March 14.

Cassopolis — Boy, 4 pounds 8 ounces, Sandra and James Scott, 6:26 a.m. March 13.

Niles — Boy, 8 pounds 9 ounces, Brandie McMichael and Jared Hotrum, 8:33 a.m. March 16.

Lakeland Regional Medical Center St. Joseph

Benton Harbor — Girl, 7 pounds, Kiara Collins and Joseph Hegar, 9:27 a.m. March 17.

Coloma — Girl, 10 pounds 9 ounces, Kayla Larson, 8:04 a.m. March 15.

Getting it straight

The Herald-Palladium makes every effort to ensure accuracy in its stories.

If you think there is an error, please contact the editor of the page on which it occurred. If you are unsure of whom to contact, call Local News Editor Ted Hartzell at 429-1293 or 1-800-356-4262, ext. 293.

California's stem cell agency ponders its future

By ALICIA CHANG
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES — The creation of California's stem cell agency in 2004 was greeted by scientists and patients as a turning point in a field mired in debates about the destruction of embryos and hampered by federal research restrictions.

The taxpayer-funded institute wielded the extraordinary power to dole out $3 billion in bond proceeds to fund embryonic stem cell work with an eye toward treatments for a host of crippling diseases. Midway through its mission, with several high-tech labs constructed, but little to show on the medicine front beyond basic research, the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine faces an uncertain future.

Is it still relevant nearly eight years later? And will it still exist when the money dries up?

The answers could depend once again on voters and whether they're willing to extend the life of the agency.

Several camps that support stem cell research think taxpayers should not pay another cent given the state's budget woes.

"It would be so wrong to ask Californians to pony up more money," said Marcy Darnovsky of the Center for Genetics and Society, a pro-stem cell research group that opposed Proposition 71, the state ballot initiative that formed CIRM.

Last December, CIRM's former chairman, Robert Klein, who used his fortune and political connections to create Prop 71, floated the possibility of another referendum.

CIRM leaders have shelved the idea of going back to voters for now, but may consider it down the road. The institute recently submitted a transition plan to Gov. Jerry Brown and the Legislature that assumes it will no longer be taxpayer-supported after the bond money runs out. CIRM is exploring creating a nonprofit version of itself and tapping other players to carry on its work.

"The goal is to keep the momentum going," board Chairman Jonathan Thomas said in an interview.

So far, CIRM has spent some $1.3 billion on infrastructure and research. At the current pace, it will earmark the last grants in 2016 or 2017. Since most are multi-year awards, it is expected to stay in business until 2021.

So what have Californians received for their money so far?

The most visible investment is the opening of sleek buildings and gleaming labs at a dozen private and public universities built with matching funds. Two years ago, Stanford University unveiled the nation's largest space dedicated to stem cell research – 200,000 square feet that can hold 550 researchers.

There are no cures yet in the pipeline and CIRM has shifted focus, channeling money to projects with the most promise of yielding near-term results. Most of the money early on was funneled toward learning the basics and recruiting scientists.

One researcher lured to California was Paul Knoepfler, a stem cell and cancer expert who was deciding between positions at University of California, Davis and an East Coast school.

"I was getting more interested in embryonic stem cells and I knew California would be a more friendly climate for that," said Knoepfler, whose work focuses on why some embryonic stem cells trigger tumor growths.

Knoepfler favors another bond measure to keep CIRM afloat, but recognizes the average Californian may disagree.

Scientists have prized embryonic stem cells since their discovery over a decade ago because of their potential to transform into any cell of the body. If researchers could harness these flexible cells, they might create replacement tissues to treat diabetes, spinal cord injury and other debilitating conditions.

For all the medical promise that embryonic stem cells hold, the payoff will take years and it's not surprising that there are still no treatments on the market. Their use has been debated because human embryos from fertility clinic leftovers have to be destroyed to harvest the cells.

Do you remember?

25 years ago

Jill Reimann, Miss St. Joseph, was crowned Miss Blossomtime 1987 at the Lakeshore High School auditorium. Melissa Dirst, Miss Bridgman, was crowned first runner-up, and Wendi Nancarrow, Miss Portage, was selected second runner-up. Other finalists were Deanna Herbert, Miss Paw Paw and Shannon Baumeister, Miss Watervliet.

35 years ago

The 3 to 5 inches of snow that greeted southwestern Michigan for the first day of spring also sent the winter's total snowfall over the top to a 53-year record at the Herbert Teichman weather station near Eau Claire. The total snow at his station for this winter was boosted to 110 inches. This smashed the old record of 108-½ inches measured there in the 1962-63 winter. The 110 inches of snow measured at the Teichman station, is nearly double the average winter figure of 56 inches there. January was the coldest month on record having a mean temperature of 12.5 degrees. The old record was 15 degrees for January of 1963.

50 years ago

Spring fishing is good – many local fishermen took advantage of free time and good weather this weekend to fish in the St. Joseph River. Sunday by the river along Riverview Drive, Rhine Granke showed off his catch to Charles Chronister, both of Benton Harbor.

Today in history

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, March 20, the 80th day of 2012. There are 286 days left in the year. Spring arrives at 1:14 a.m. Eastern time.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 20, 1912, a coal mine explosion in McCurtain, Okla., claimed the lives of 73 workers.

On this date:

In 1413, England's King Henry IV died; he was succeeded by Henry V.

In 1727, physicist, mathematician and astronomer Sir Isaac Newton died in London.

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte returned to Paris after escaping his exile on Elba.

In 1852, Harriet Beecher Stowe's influential novel about slavery, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was first published in book form after being serialized.

In 1933, the state of Florida executed Giuseppe Zangara for the shooting death of Chicago Mayor Anton J. Cermak at a Miami event attended by President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt, the presumed target.

In 1952 at the Academy Awards, "An American in Paris" was named best picture of 1951; Humphrey Bogart best actor for "The African Queen"; Vivien Leigh best actress for "A Streetcar Named Desire"; and George Stevens best director for "A Place in the Sun."

In 1969, John Lennon married Yoko Ono in Gibraltar.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Few Showers	Partly Cloudy
81°	59°	81° / 57°	76° / 52°	69° / 51°	58° / 43°

Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 81°, humidity of 68%. South wind 10 to 15 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 59°. South wind 10 to 15 mph. Wednesday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 81°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise . . . . . 7:48 a.m.
Sunset . . . . . 7:59 p.m.
Moonrise . . . . . 6:32 a.m.
Moonset . . . . . 6:26 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
3/22	3/30	4/6	4/13

Local Almanac

Benton Harbor yesterday

Temperature

High . . . . . 76 R°
Low . . . . . 60°
Normal High . . . . . 46°
Normal Low . . . . . 28°
Record High . . . . . 73° in 1976
Record Low . . . . . 14° in 1950

Precipitation

Yesterday . . . . . 0.00"
Month to date . . . . . 1.33"
Normal month to date . . . . 1.30"
Year to date . . . . . 4.10"
Normal year to date . . . . . 5.30"

Air Quality

Yesterday 27
Main Offender . . . . . Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

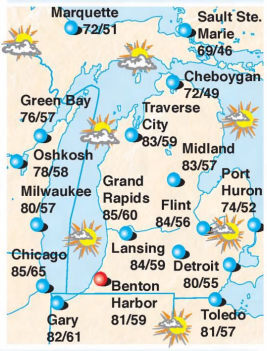
0-50 . . . . . Good
51-100 Moderate
101-150 Sensitive
101-150 Unhealthy

Weather Trivia

Can you be allergic to cold weather?

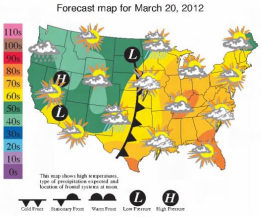
Answer: Some people get a rash after experiencing a sudden drop in temperature.

Regional Map



National Weather Map

Forecast map for March 20, 2012



Lake Michigan

South winds 15 to 25 kt today. Patchy fog. Waves 3 to 5 ft. Water temperature 45 degrees. South winds 15 to 25 kt tonight. Patchy fog. Waves 3 to 5 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Expect partly cloudy skies today. Wednesday, skies will be partly cloudy to cloudy with scattered showers. Thursday we will see mostly sunny to partly cloudy skies.

Lower Peninsula

Expect mostly sunny to partly cloudy skies today. Wednesday we will continue to see mostly sunny to partly cloudy skies. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.

Backtracks

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promised that disciplinary action would be taken.

Burton claimed that officials did not follow through on that promise. After the story broke Thursday about the controversy, Burton said his daughter had been bullied and received death threats online.

Charity Burton said she and her husband had reported the threats to the police, and that the prosecutor is investigating them.

One student who made comments online was identified by the school district and had to apologize, Charity Burton said.

Other students rallied to support Schroeder, posting more than 2,000 names on a Facebook page in two days and praising her as an excellent teacher who is not racist.

The issue gained statewide and national attention and generated voluminous comments locally.

'Acted too quickly'

In Monday's press statement, Lakeshore officials said that "on the surface, this was a legitimate concern," but conceded that "they made a mistake and acted too quickly when the issue was first brought to light. When you dig into what was happening in the classroom and when you realize the context of the discussion, it becomes apparent that the teacher was not attacking the Benton Harbor community, she was encouraging students to think about their own assumptions."

Schroeder acknowledged her own missteps by not clarifying her meaning. "My intent was to challenge stereotypes, not reinforce them," she said in the release.

On Facebook, Schroeder posted a statement that included the following:

"To walk away from all of this without realizing that it has at the very least illustrated that there are deep divisions that need to be addressed, and to realize that what we say and how we say it is so very important, is to miss an important lesson. There are tough conversations still to be had in our classrooms, in society, and with each other, and increased sensitivity and understanding is always something to strive for."

In the district's press release, all sides pledged "to work diligently to rebuild bridges with the students and parents who were frustrated and hurt by the comments."

Vujea would not offer specifics on this bridge-building effort. Plans are moving forward to form a task force to explore issues of diversity with Marcus Robinson, president of the Consortium for Community Development.

Monday evening's scheduled meeting of the district's Input Teams, which are working on coming up with ideas for a facilities bond issue, were called off because of the controversy, Vujea said.

"I think that the meeting will be productive if we reschedule it for another time when we've got this resolved," she said. There will be other meetings of the teams, but she said Monday she wasn't sure when they would take place.

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Judge

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and deported by federal authorities after he completes his jail term. The deportion order came after authorities determined he was in the U.S. illegally.

"I don't know how he flew under the radar for so long," she said.

She said Wauran was in a position of authority over the victim, who is suffering from a mental illness.

"He entered her room drunk, beat her up and stole her money. I don't know how much lower you can get," Wilkinson said.

Defense attorney Paul Jancha said his client had lived a "pretty responsible life" until he got involved in alcohol a few years ago. Since then, Wauran has been arrested for drunk driving in 2009 and then had this incident.

"Alcohol has had a very negative effect on his life," Jancha said.

Wauran said he realized what he did was wrong.

Police were called when another staff member noticed the woman had bruises. The victim told police Wauran hit her with his hands and fists when she tried to stop him from taking money from her purse.

Progress

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while each school would have a different type of specialized programming to help guide students on a career path.

About a dozen people took a turn at a microphone in the audience to ask questions or express concerns. The most common concern was for stability for the students.

"My daughter is a student, and I'm considering removing her," said Patricia Jett. "Convince me to keep her here."

"I and my board are choosing not to be in the same condition next year," Seawood responded. "We'll make this transition over the summer. Give us this opportunity."

Kerry Krause, who said she was representing the Parent Association Committee, said she has six children in the district, and they need consistency. Many children in the school district have enough inconsistency at home, she said.

Krause questioned the planned hiring of a chief academic officer, who also will be an assistant superintendent. Seawood defended the plan, saying a previous superintendent had four assistants, while he has none.

Sharon James, a parent and school board member, said that in all the talk about restructuring, she has heard very little about a long-term plan to move students forward academically.

"It bothers me that I'm hearing that from a board member," Seawood said. "That's why we're doing the work we're doing now. We have to do a better job with our resources, and we are developing a plan for academic achievement."

Another parent asked, "What makes me want to bring my children here next year? They're not getting what they need in the classroom. When are we going to fix that?"

Seawood said the restructuring plan, which he hopes will be the district's last, will allow Benton Harbor Area Schools to move the focus off the deficit and focus more on academic achievement, starting this fall.

"I would appreciate the opportunity to educate your son and daughter," Seawood told the parent, who did not identify herself.

Another parent asked, regarding the four first- through eighth-grade schools, how the district will determine what child goes to what school.

Seawood said the enrollment process will begin soon and will involve students' and parents' choices.

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Public Act 4 presents the wisest course toward correcting financially troubled school districts and municipalities.

Harris said a state-appointed manager is more inclined to address the underlying causes of a municipality or school district's financial problems than a bankruptcy court-appointed manager, whose purpose is primarily to settle claims.

He said the powers given to emergency managers by Public Act 4 upset local officials and special interests because it was under their control that the municipality or school district fell into a financial emergency.

Harris called emergency managers the cornerstone of Public Act 4 because they provide expertise and unbiased, non-political commitment to "do what is right and what is necessary."

Walling said there were aspects of Public Act 4 that were problematic, including the uneven playing field established for the emergency manager and elected officials.

Last week, a judge issued a restraining order against Flint Emergency Manager Michael Brown to prevent him from exercising any authority over Flint after a lawsuit was filed against the emergency manager, Gov. Rick Snyder and others, according to the news publication MLive. The lawsuit claimed the state violated the Open Meetings Act because the review team that appointed Brown didn't meet in public.

Earlier in the panel, Jessup said, "Accountability and transparency have been the Achilles heel of this law."

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Panel: Problem schools a national security issue

By KIMBERLY HEFLING
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WASHINGTON — The nation's security and economic prosperity are at risk if America's schools don't improve, warns a task force led by former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Joel Klein, the former chancellor of New York City's school system.

The report, obtained by The Associated Press, cautions that far too many schools fail to adequately prepare students. "The dominant power of the 21st century will depend on human capital," it said. "The failure to produce that capital will undermine American security."

The task force said the State Department and U.S. intelligence agencies face critical shortfalls in the number of foreign language speakers, and that fields such as science, defense and aerospace are at particular risk because a shortage of skilled workers is expected to worsen as baby boomers retire.

According to the panel, 75 percent of young adults don't qualify to serve in the military because they are physically unfit, have criminal records or inadequate levels of education. That's in part because 1 in 4 students fails to graduate from high school in four years, and a high school diploma or the equivalent is needed to join the military. But another 30 percent of high school graduates don't do well enough in math, science and English on an aptitude test to serve in the military, the report said.

The task force, consisting of 30 members with backgrounds in areas such as education and foreign affairs, was organized by the Council on Foreign Relations, a New York-based research and policy organization focused on international issues. The report was scheduled to be released Tuesday.

Too many Americans are deficient in both global awareness and knowledge that is "essential for understanding America's allies and its adversaries," the report concludes.

"Leaving large swaths of the population unprepared also threatens to divide Americans and undermines the country's cohesion, confidence, and ability to serve as a global leader," the report said.

Rice and Klein said in interviews that they are encouraged by efforts to improve schools such as the adoption of "common core" standards set in reading and math in a vast majority of states and the Obama administration's "Race to the Top" competition, in which states compete for federal money in exchange for more meaningful teacher evaluations.

But, they added, the pace to improve America's schools must accelerate.

"The rest of the world is not sitting by while we, in a rather deliberate fashion, reform the education system," Rice said.

Klein said he hopes the findings will prompt discussions beyond the education community that engage those in the defense and foreign policy establishments about how to improve schools.

"I don't think people have really thought about the national security implications and the inability to have people who speak the requisite languages who can staff a volunteer military, the kind of morale and human conviction you need to hold a country together. I don't think people have thought about it in those terms," Klein said.

The panel makes three main recommendations:

▶ Adopt and expand the common core initiative to include skill sets critical to national security such as science, technology and foreign languages;

▶ Structural changes to provide students with more choices in where they can go to school, so many students aren't stuck in underperforming schools;

▶ A national security readiness audit, prepared by governors working with the federal government, that can be used to judge whether schools are meeting national expectations in education.

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David M. Warren / The Philadelphia Inquirer

Detroit's Miguel Cabrera reacts after getting hit in the face with a hard grounder from Philadelphia's Hunter Pence during Monday's game.

Cabrera's bloody welcome to 3rd

Tigers infielder takes ground ball to eye in spring training game

By ROB MAADDI
AP Sports Writer

CLEARWATER, Fla. — Miguel Cabrera looked like a prize fighter on the wrong end of a right hook.

Cabrera left Monday's 4-3 loss to the Philadelphia Phillies with a bloody face after a hard grounder from Hunter Pence hit Detroit's six-time All-Star near the right eye.

Philadelphia 4, Detroit 3

Cabrera was taken to a hospital to receive stitches and get X-rays.

"We don't have any information," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said, repeating that answer several times.

Cabrera was wearing sunglasses, and it's uncertain whether the wicked one-hopper hit the right lens or just under it. He wiped blood off with his hand and held a towel to his face as he walked off the field.

"It swelled up," Leyland said. "Basically he looked like a fighter that needed a cut man and wasn't doing any good in the fight."

Cabrera's head snapped back as the ball shot up. He stayed on his feet, but seemed dazed.

Cabrera is making the transition back to third base this spring because Detroit signed first baseman Prince Fielder. Even a Gold Glove third baseman would've likely been hit by Pence's shot.

"He'd be in the same place as Cabrera, getting stitches," Leyland said when asked whether anyone else would have had a chance to make that play.

Former Boston Red Sox manager Terry Francona concurred.

"You're going to pick up the paper tomorrow and read that Cabrera can't play third base," Francona said on ESPN's broadcast. "But that ball hits every third baseman in the majors in the face."

Cabrera hasn't played third base regularly since 2007 with Florida. He started 14 games there in 2008, and hasn't made an appearance at third in the last three seasons.

One bad hop isn't going to make Leyland change his mind about the risky move.

"He's doing real good. He's doing fine," Leyland said. "Watch him play, write what you want, give your opinion what you think. He's doing great at third base. Is he going to make plays like Brooks Robinson? For the 100th time this

"Watch him play, write what you want, give your opinion what you think. He's doing great at third base."

JIM LEYLAND
Detroit manager on Miguel Cabrera

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A sweet normal

Top-seeded Spartans more concerned about reaching Final Four

By LARRY LAGE
AP Sports Writer

EAST LANSING — Michigan State so routinely wins at least two games in the NCAA tournament that no one in the program gets real fired up about the accomplishment.

The Spartans are in the round of 16 for the 10th time in 15 years. Only Duke, with two more appearances, has won at least two games in NCAA tournaments more often since 1998.

"It's another opportunity to possibly reach a Final Four," do-it-all forward Draymond Green said Monday. "We've never been excited about making it to Sweet 16s. It's just one of those bumps that you have to go through in order to make it to the final destination."

Michigan State didn't have much time to celebrate anyway.

The top-seeded Spartans practiced Monday at home about 24 hours after beating Saint Louis in Columbus, Ohio, and were scheduled to fly to Phoenix by Monday night. They face Louisville on Thursday night in a West Region semifinal.

Michigan State coach Tom Izzo is 7-2 in the round of 16, but he's never had just three days to prepare for a regional semifinal. The Cardinals were already in Arizona practicing on Monday after beating New Mexico in Portland, Ore., on Saturday night.

"I don't think it creates a world of difference, especially going out a little early," he said. "But it is a little different."

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Jay LaPrete / AP

Michigan State's Draymond Green dries the floor during Sunday's NCAA college basketball tournament third-round game against Saint Louis.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Red Arrow boys, girls basketball teams announced

By H-P STAFF

The Red Arrow Conference has named its all-conference teams for boys and girls basketball for the 2011-12 season.

Selected to the boys first team were Michigan Lutheran's Nate Rosenbaum and Micah Rimpel, New Buffalo's Kendall Artz, Eau Claire's Corey Young and Grace Christian's Tyler Johnson.

Second-team picks were New Buffalo brothers Kevin Levine and Kyle Levine, Eau Claire's Carston Harner, River Valley's Steven Snyder and Lake Michigan Catholic's Anthony Sarno.

Honorable mention selections were Michigan Lutheran's Peter Ross and Will Kruck, New Buffalo's Jim Mullens, Eau Claire's Antonio Lewis, River Valley's Elisha Dryden, Lake Michigan Catholic's Jack Hardman and Shane Gallagher, and Grace Christian's Josiah Saxe.

Michigan Lutheran's John Eggert was named Coach of the Year.

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Ex-Colt Manning picks Broncos, $95 million contract

By ARNIE STAPLETON
AP Sports Writer

DENVER — The Denver Broncos got their Man. Make that Peyton Manning.

Pending final contract negotiations, Manning will join John Elway's Broncos with hopes of winning another Super Bowl.

So much for Tebowmania.

Still to be decided is what happens to last season's quarterback sensation, Tim Tebow.

The Broncos and Manning agent Tom Condon spent Monday working out parameters of a deal expected to be worth about $95 million over five years after the NFL's only four-time MVP called Elway, the Broncos' revered QB-turned-executive, and told him he had decided to come to Denver.

Tennessee Titans owner Bud Adams also said Manning let him know that he had picked the Broncos. Adams released a statement Monday confirming the Titans were out of the running and later said to The Tennessean: "He called me himself and told me he wasn't coming, that he made his mind up to go with Denver."

Besides the Titans, the San Francisco 49ers had been a finalist in the chase for Manning, who turns 36 on Saturday and missed all of 2011 because of multiple neck surgeries.

ESPN first reported the record-setting quarterback instructed his agent to negotiate the details of a deal with the Broncos, less than two weeks after the Indianapolis Colts released him rather than pay a $28 million bonus.

"I think it's a great place for him," Broncos defensive end Robert Ayers said outside the Broncos' complex. "I don't think he made a bad decision. I think he made a great decision. Hopefully we can prove him right and hopefully we can win a lot of games here."

Despite being sidelined all of last season, Manning's success in the past — the Colts averaged a 12-4 record from 2001-10 — made him by far this offseason's top potential signing and perhaps the most desired free agent ever.

He was wooed to Denver by Hall of Fame quarterback Elway, who led the Broncos to two Super Bowl championships and now serves as their vice president of football operations.

Elway, who retired from the game after winning his second straight title in 1999, never sounded all that convinced Tebow was the answer at the sport's most important position and now could trade the enormously popular but flawed QB.

Tebow energized the Broncos in leading them to the playoffs last season — and has fans all over the country — but his play was erratic.

Greg Trott / AP

In this Sept. 26, 2010 file photo, former Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning (left) greets Denver Broncos quarterback Tim Tebow before a game in Denver. Manning is negotiating to join the Broncos.

Hass top boys player in Class D

Lutheran's Rosembaum earns special mention

From STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Chris Hass started working on his shot in fourth grade, when his dad, Cliff, took the head coaching job at Pellston.

"I was the manager up there and I'd go up there for every practice," Chris Hass said. "I just took that and ran with it. By the end of fifth grade I could shoot a pull-up jump shot from 15 feet out. I think I definitely did that earlier than most people."

The early commitment to basketball has paid off. A 6-foot-4 senior, Hass leads Pellston into the final week of the season with 2,492 points — fourth best in state history.

Hass also headlines the Associated Press Class D All-State team as Player of the Year. The Bucknell commit averaged 31 points a game for the 23-1 Hornets.

Michigan Lutheran's Nate Rosenbaum earned special mention status. The 6-foot-3 senior guard averaged nearly 20 points a

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In brief

Watervliet AD Dietz honored

The Michigan Interscholastic Association of Athletic Administrators has selected Watervliet athletic director Ken Dietz as the 2011 Region 5 Athletic Director of the Year.

Dietz is in his sixth year as athletic director at Watervliet.

He has been a member of the MHSAA Representative Council since 2003, served as vice president of the Southwestern Athletic Conference for the past six years, and is the regional director for the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan.

He has been a speaker at Lions Club events and the MIAAA Winter Conference, has hosted numerous MHSAA tournament events, and volunteers at the MHSAA regional track meet each year.

Lions re-sign punter Ben Graham

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (AP) — The Detroit Lions have re-signed punter Ben Graham to a one-year contract.

Graham was the team's punter for the final seven games of last season, putting 10 of 28 punts inside the 20-yard line with only three touchbacks. He replaced Robert Malone, who filed in for one game for the injured Ryan Donahue, and had a kick returned for a touchdown by Chicago's Devin Hester. Graham then signed and punted the rest of the year.

A native of Australia, Graham played previously for the New York Jets, New Orleans Saints and Arizona Cardinals. He's entering his eighth NFL season.

Rockets waive former Lakers guard Fisher

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets have waived point guard Derek Fisher, less than a week after acquiring him in a trade with the Los Angeles Lakers.

Houston picked up a 2012 first-round pick from the Lakers and sent Jordan Hill to L.A. in the deal. Jamie Wior, Fisher's representative, said in an e-mail that Fisher and the Rockets have negotiated a buyout of his contract, due to expire this season.

Wior said Fisher's "desire to win a sixth championship is what drives him and will continue to drive him as he moves forward."

The Rockets are thin at point guard with Kyle Lowry still recovering from a bacterial infection, and Jonny Flynn dealt to Portland in a separate trade last week.

Ex-Packer QB Flynn signs with Seahawks

RENTON, Wash. (AP) — Matt Flynn says it was made completely clear before he agreed to join the Seattle Seahawks that he was going into an open competition with incumbent Tarvaris Jackson for the starting quarterback job.

Flynn said during a conference call on Monday that when he visited with the Seahawks late last week, the entire situation felt comfortable and felt like the team was moving in the right direction.

Flynn agreed to a three-year deal with the Seahawks on Sunday.

Lindsey Vonn leads Alpine money list

OBERHOFEN, Switzerland (AP) — Lindsey Vonn has topped the Alpine World Cup prize money list after capturing 12 events to win her fourth women's overall title.

The American earned $608,000, finishing ahead of Marcel Hirscher of Austria. The men's overall champion won nine times to receive $509,000.

The International Ski Federation published the money list Monday, one day after the season ended at Schladming, Austria.

FIS requires minimum prize money of $110,000 per race.

Ivica Kostelic of Croatia was the third-highest earner with $356,000.

Airwaves

Television today

12:00 p.m. (Golf) **Golf** Tavistock Cup, Final Day. From Orlando, Fla. (Live)
1:00 p.m. (ESPN) **MLB Preseason Baseball** Atlanta Braves at Detroit Tigers. From Joker Marchant Stadium in Lakeland, Fla. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) CC
7:00 p.m. (Csnch) **NHL Hockey** Chicago Blackhawks at Columbus Blue Jackets. (Live)
(ESPN) **College Basketball** NIT Tournament, First Quarterfinal. (Live) CC
(ESPN2) **Women's College Basketball** NCAA Tournament, Second Round. (Live) CC
8:00 p.m. (NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Phoenix Coyotes at Dallas Stars. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)
9:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** NIT, Second Quarterfinal. (Live) CC
9:30 p.m. (ESPN2) **Women's College Basketball** NCAA Tournament, Second Round. (Live)
10:30 p.m. (NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** San Jose Sharks at Los Angeles Kings. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)

Wednesday

1:00 p.m. (ESPN) **MLB Preseason Baseball** New York Yankees at Tampa Bay Rays. From Charlotte Sports Park in Port Charlotte, Fla. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) CC
(FoxSports) **MLB Preseason Baseball** Minnesota Twins at Detroit Tigers. From Joker Marchant Stadium in Lakeland, Fla. (Live)
3:30 p.m. (ESPN2) **English Premier League Soccer** Manchester City vs. Chelsea. (Live)
5:00 p.m. (Golf) **Golf** Arnold Palmer Invitational, Pro-Am. From Orlando, Fla. (Live)
7:00 p.m. (ESPN) **NBA Basketball** New York Knicks at Philadelphia 76ers. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** NIT, Third Quarterfinal. (Live) CC
7:30 p.m. (NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Detroit Red Wings at New York Rangers. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)
8:00 p.m. (Csnch) **NHL Hockey** Vancouver Canucks at Chicago Blackhawks. (Live)
9:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** NIT, Fourth Quarterfinal. (Live) CC
(FoxSports) **NBA Basketball** Detroit Pistons at Denver Nuggets (Subject to Blackout) (Live)
9:30 p.m. (ESPN) **NBA Basketball** Los Angeles Lakers at Dallas Mavericks. (Live)

Radio today

7:30 p.m.
NHL — Blackhawks at Blue Jackets (WGN-AM, 720)

Wednesday

7 p.m.
NBA — Bulls at Raptors (WMPV-AM, 1000)
8 p.m.
NHL — Canucks at Blackhawks (WGN-AM, 720)

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Changes at store for Bristol track?

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BRISTOL, Tenn. — Bristol Motor Speedway owner Bruton Smith is considering about $1 million worth of changes to return his Tennessee track to the way it was before a 2007 reconfiguration.

"We are going to take a very hard look at it this week," Smith told The Associated Press on Monday. "We have everything in our computers that shows us what the track used to be and what it is now, and we started working on that last night. I'll have an answer for you next week on if we'll alter the track."

But Smith insisted it was the rain, not fan apathy over the current style of racing at Bristol, that contributed to Sunday's poor crowd.

"We certainly thought it was going to be better, but the rain got us," Smith said.

The rain began late Saturday night and continued until about two hours before Sunday's scheduled start, which Smith said "killed the walk-up crowd. And that alone accounts for 3,500 to 4,000 tickets."

Bristol once was one of the toughest tickets in all of professional sports, but attendance has waned the past several years and its spring race has particularly suffered.

The speedway says it seats 160,000, and although the grandstands appeared half empty Sunday, NASCAR's listed attendance was 102,000. Smith said 8,120 sold tickets went unused.

"Those were tickets that didn't show, people who elected not to venture out, and that's because of the weather," Smith said.

But he remained adamant the attendance decline has nothing to do with the new racing at Bristol. At the same time, though, Smith said he began talking to his Speedway Motorsports Inc. officials on Sunday evening about changes to the track.

The .533-mile bullring was long one of the most popular venues in NASCAR because of the aggressive style drivers had to adopt to be competitive on the tight track. The August night race is considered a showcase, and the combination of bumping and banging for 500 laps on a hot summer night usually led to an explosion of tempers.

Carlos Osorio / AP

Washington defenseman Mike Green (left rear) and center Jay Beagle (right) check Detroit Wings left wing Drew Miller (20) during the first period of Monday's game.

Mounting woes

Injuries, losses pile up for Red Wings

DETROIT (AP) — Alexander Ovechkin scored twice and the Washington Capitals held on for a 5-3 win over the injury-plagued Detroit Red Wings on Monday night.

Washington 5, Detroit 3

Mike Knuble had a goal and an assist and Keith Aucoin and Jason Chimera also scored for Washington. Alexander Semin and Marcus Johansson each had two assists and Braden Holtby made 30 saves to send Detroit to its fifth straight loss and seventh in eight games.

Kyle Quincey, Todd Bertuzzi and Danny Cleary scored for Detroit. Brendan Smith had two assists and Jimmy Howard stopped 17 shots.

Cleary put one in from a goal-mouth scramble with 7:08 left for his 12th goal to bring the Red Wings to within 4-3.

Chimera added an empty-net, power-play goal in the final minute.

Bertuzzi poked in a loose puck from just outside the crease 36 seconds into the third period for his 13th goal to make it 4-2.

Washington led 3-0 after the first period as the Capitals scored on two of their first three shots.

Ovechkin opened the scoring 7:48 into the game with the first of his two power-play goals in the period.

He beat Howard with a one-timed slap shot from the slot. Knuble scored from the slot with 8:35 left in the opening period after a bad line change left all three Detroit forwards behind the play. It was Knuble's sixth goal.

An apparent goal by the Red Wings' Cory Emmerton with 6:56 left in the first was waved off when Tomas Holmstrom was penalized for goaltender interference. Ovechkin capitalized for his second man-advantage goal of the game by putting in a rebound with 5:09 left in the period for his 32nd goal of the season.

Quincey's power-play goal 5:15 into the second period put Detroit on the board. He beat Holtby with a one-time slap shot from the right point for his seventh goal that also broke the Red Wings' 0-for-31 drought with the man advantage. It was Detroit's longest stretch without a power-play goal since 1996-97, when it began the season 0-for-33.

Aucoin restored Washington's three-goal lead with 2:36 left in the middle period when he scored from the slot for his third goal.

The already injury-riddled Wings learned on Monday that center Darren Helm will be out four-to-six weeks with a sprained MCL.

He suffered the injury during Saturday's 3-2 OT loss at San Jose

The team was already without captain and defenseman Nicklas Lidstrom (deep bone bruise in his right ankle), defenseman Jonathan Ericsson (broken left wrist), defenseman Jakub Kindl (strained oblique), right wing Johan Franzen (back spasms) and goalie Joey MacDonald (back).

Boozer boosts Bulls

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Carlos Boozer scored 24 points and had 13 rebounds, John Lucas scored 20 points off the bench and the Chicago Bulls beat the Orlando Magic 85-59 on Monday night.

Chicago 85, Orlando 59

Chicago coach Tom Thibodeau also became the fastest coach in NBA history to earn 100 career victories. The Bulls won for the fifth time in six games.

They also improved to 3-1 over the past four games playing without guard Derrick Rose, who continued to nurse a sore groin.

Dwight Howard had 18 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Magic, who had 19 turnovers.

The Magic have lost three of their last four since posting a three-game win streak. They've also now gone six straight quarters without scoring at least 20 points.

Turnovers were a factor in the Magic's loss to the Bulls in early January and they again played a huge role Monday as Orlando's miscues yielded 25 of Chicago's points.

Orlando trailed by double-digits for most of the second half, before cutting a 15-point Bulls' first-half lead to 12 entering the fourth quarter.

The Bulls' offense was steady down the stretch, though, and Joakim Noah's three-point play on a two-handed dunk over Glen Davis with 6:54 to play in the game put them up 72-52 to end any comeback hopes.

Ohio hoops hotbed: 4 teams reach round of 16

By JOE KAY
AP Sports Writer

CINCINNATI — Stirred by a pep talk from the school president, the Ohio Bobcats applauded themselves in the locker room and celebrated their trip to the NCAA tournament's round of 16 by chanting: "We are Ohio!"

Not a bad March motto for the whole state.

The nation's 17th state is the first to send four teams to the NCAA's round of 16 — the Bobcats, Ohio State, the University of Cincinnati and Xavier. The four come from different conferences and play different styles, but have gone a combined 8-0 in the tournament.

Beware the Buckeyes — all of them.

"It's super for Ohio basketball," former Ohio State star Jerry Lucas said in a phone interview on Monday. "It's always been good, and will always be good. This whole region has traditionally had great basketball. To see Ohio be the first to have four in the Sweet 16 — that's great."

Seven other states have managed to get three teams into the round of 16, according to STATS LLC: Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Texas, California, North Carolina, Kansas and Tennessee. Ohio has topped them all.

No state has ever had a better opening week in the tournament.

The First Four games were played in Dayton, where President Barack Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron watched Western Kentucky pull off an historic comeback in the opener.

The rest of the state has kept up the excitement.

Ohio State — the Big Ten school whose band spells "Ohio" in script at halftime of football games — lived up to its No. 2 seed by beating Loyola, Md., and Gonzaga. Ohio University — the Mid-American Conference representative whose band dances to the "Party Rock Anthem" at halftime — got a 13th seed and became the tournament's latest mid-major darling.

The Bobcats knocked off Michigan — a result as pleasing on High Street in Columbus as on Court Street in Athens — in their first game, then beat South Florida to get to the round of 16 for the first time since 1964.

Meanwhile, Cincinnati and Xavier — the city rivals who brawled on the court in December — took big strides in refurbishing their seasons and reputations.

The Big East's Bearcats knocked off Texas and Florida State to reach the round of 16 for the first time since 2001 under coach Bob Huggins. No. 10 seed Xavier, the only Atlantic 10 team left, beat Notre Dame and Lehigh to reach the regional semifinals for the fourth time in five years.

Some of their neighbors are coming along. Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky are supplying seven of the final 16 teams this weekend, another numerical measure of the area's rich college basketball tradition.

"Oh my gosh, we talk about that all the time," said Xavier athletic director Mike Bobinski, who is on the NCAA tournament selection committee. "Within a 150-mile radius or so, there's a tremendous concentration of high-level basketball competition and talent, and great coaching and committed programs. I'm not sure this area gets its due in terms of how big college basketball is.

"You hear of Tobacco Road, but this region is as powerful and basketball-committed as any in the country. It's there for everybody to see at this point based on how the tournament has played out."

Ohio's still-standing schools may seem so dissimilar, but there's less than six degrees of separation between them. Xavier has a hand in much of that.

Buckeyes coach Thad Matta emerged as an up-and-coming coach at Butler — which plays in Hinkle Fieldhouse, where "Hoosiers" was filmed — with John Groce as an assistant. They moved on to Xavier together, then to Ohio State. Groce then made the 90-minute trip to the southeast corner of the state to become the Bobcats' coach.

At this point, no one would be shocked if an Ohio team is the last one standing.

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EAST REGIONAL
Third Round

Sunday's game
Cincinnati 62, Florida State 56

Regional Semifinals
At TD Garden
Boston

Thursday, March 22
Syracuse (33-2) vs. Wisconsin (26-9), 7:15 p.m.
Ohio State (29-7) vs. Cincinnati (25-10), 9:45 p.m.

Regional Championship
Saturday, March 24
Semifinal winners

SOUTH REGIONAL
Third Round

Sunday's game
Xavier 70, Lehigh 58

Regional Semifinals
At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta

Friday, March 23
Baylor (29-7) vs. Xavier (23-12), 7:15 p.m.
Kentucky (34-2) vs. Indiana (27-8), 9:45 p.m.

Regional Championship
Sunday, March 25
Semifinal winners

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Third Round

Sunday's games
North Carolina 87, Creighton 73
N.C. State 66, Georgetown 63
Ohio 62, South Florida 56
Kansas 63, Purdue 60

Regional Semifinals
At Edward Jones Dome
St. Louis

Friday, March 23
North Carolina (31-5) vs. Ohio (29-7), 7:47 p.m.
N.C. State (24-12) vs. Kansas (29-6), 10:17 p.m.

Regional Championship
Sunday, March 25
Semifinal winners

WEST REGIONAL
Third Round

Sunday, March 19
Michigan State 65, Saint Louis 61
Florida 84, Norfolk State 50

Regional Semifinals
At US Airways Center
Phoenix

Thursday, March 22
Michigan State (29-7) vs. Louisville (28-9), 7:47 p.m.
Marquette (27-7) vs. Florida (25-10), 10:17 p.m.

Regional Championship
Saturday, March 24
Semifinal winners

NATIONAL INVITATION TOURNAMENT
Sunday's games
Drexel 65, Northern Iowa 63
Nevada 75, Bucknell 67
Oregon 108, Iowa 97

Monday's games
Middle Tennessee 71, Tennessee 64
Minnesota (20-14) at Miami (20-12)
Stanford (22-11) vs. Illinois State (21-13)

NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT
All Times EDT
DES MOINES REGIONAL
First Round

Sunday's games
Florida 70, Ohio State 65
Baylor 81, UC Santa Barbara 40
Georgetown 61, Fresno State 56
Georgia Tech 76, Sacred Heart 50
Delaware 73, UALR 42
Kansas 57, Nebraska 49

Second Round

Monday's game
DePaul (23-10) vs. Tennessee (25-8)

Today's games
At Stroh Center
Bowling Green, Ohio
Baylor (35-0) vs. Florida (20-12), 7:05 p.m.
At Carmichael Arena
Chapel Hill, N.C.
Georgetown (23-8) vs. Georgia Tech (25-8), 7:15 p.m.
At Jack Stephens Center
Little Rock, Ark.
Kansas (20-12) vs. Delaware (31-1), 9:40 p.m.

FRESNO REGIONAL
First Round

Sunday's games
St. John's 69, Creighton 67
Oklahoma 88, Michigan 67
Vanderbilt 60, Middle Tennessee 46
Duke 82, Samford 47

Second Round

Monday's games
Stanford 72, West Virginia 55
South Carolina 72, Purdue 61

Today's games
At Lloyd Noble Center
Norman, Okla.
St. John's (23-9) vs. Oklahoma (21-12), 9:45 p.m.
At Memorial Gymnasium
Nashville, Tenn.
Vanderbilt (23-9) vs. Duke (25-5), 9:35 p.m.

RALEIGH REGIONAL
First Round

Sunday's games
California 84, Iowa 74
Notre Dame 74, Liberty 43
Marist 76, Georgia 70
St. Bonaventure 72, Florida Gulf Coast 65, OT

Second Round

Monday's games
Arkansas (24-8) vs. Texas A&M (23-10)
Maryland 72, Louisville 68

Today's games
At Joyce Center
South Bend, Ind.
California (25-9) vs. Notre Dame (31-3), 7:30 p.m.
At Donald L. Tucker Center
Tallahassee, Fla.
Marist (26-7) vs. St. Bonaventure (30-3), 7:10 p.m.

KINGSTON REGIONAL
First Round

Sunday's games
Penn State 85, UTEP 77
LSU 64, San Diego State 56

Second Round

Monday's games
UConn 72, Kansas State 26
Gonzaga (27-5) vs. Miami (26-5)
Kentucky (26-6) vs. Green Bay (31-1)

Today's games
At Maravich Center
Baton Rouge, La.
Penn State (25-6) vs. LSU (23-10), 9:40 p.m.

BASEBALL

SPRING TRAINING

Monday's Games
St. Louis 4, Atlanta 3
Houston 7, Miami 4
Philadelphia 4, Detroit 3
Minnesota 8, Boston 4
Chicago Cubs 12, Seattle 7
Cleveland 4, L.A. Dodgers 3
Oakland 6, Arizona 5
Cincinnati 1, Chicago White Sox 0
Milwaukee 5, Texas 3
Colorado 4, L.A. Angels 3

Today's Games
Atlanta vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Seattle vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (ss) vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
Texas vs. Chicago Cubs (ss) at Mesa, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
Washington vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 6:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 7:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 7:05 p.m.
Colorado vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 10:05 p.m.

NHL

All Times EDT
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-N.Y Rangers	72	45	20	7	97	199	160
Pittsburgh	71	44	21	6	94	231	180
Philadelphia	72	42	22	8	92	231	204
New Jersey	73	41	27	5	87	200	191
N.Y. Islanders	72	29	32	11	69	169	216

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	72	42	27	3	87	236	178
Ottawa	73	37	26	10	84	221	213
Buffalo	73	34	29	10	78	187	207
Toronto	73	32	33	8	72	208	227
Montreal	73	28	32	13	69	191	203

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	71	35	23	13	83	180	197
Washington	73	37	30	6	80	198	208
Winnipeg	72	34	30	8	76	192	203
Carolina	73	29	29	15	73	194	217
Tampa Bay	72	32	33	7	71	202	247

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-St. Louis	73	46	19	8	100	189	142
Nashville	72	42	22	8	92	206	186
Utah	73	44	25	4	92	224	179
Chicago	73	40	25	8	88	222	212
Columbus	72	23	42	7	53	166	231

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	71	43	20	8	94	223	180
Colorado	74	39	30	5	83	194	195
Calgary	73	34	26	13	81	182	199
Minnesota	71	29	32	10	68	153	199
Edmonton	72	28	36	8	64	190	213

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	72	39	28	5	83	189	192
Phoenix	73	36	26	11	83	191	188
San Jose	71	36	25	10	82	194	181
Los Angeles	72	35	25	12	82	167	158
Anaheim	73	30	32	11	71	180	203

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.
x-clinched playoff spot

Sunday's Games
Columbus 2, Calgary 1, SO
Phoenix 3, Edmonton 2, SO
Philadelphia 3, Pittsburgh 2, OT
Chicago 5, Washington 2
Nashville 3, Anaheim 1
Carolina 4, Winnipeg 3

Monday's Games
Boston 8, Toronto 0
N.Y. Rangers 4, New Jersey 2
Buffalo 7, Tampa Bay 3
Washington 5, Detroit 3
Minnesota 2, Vancouver 0
Anaheim at San Jose

Today's Games
N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Florida at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Columbus, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Calgary at Colorado, 9 p.m.
San Jose at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

CAPITALS 5, RED WINGS 3

Washington	**3**	**1**	**1**	**— 5**
Detroit	**0**	**1**	**2**	**— 3**

First Period—1, Washington, Ovechkin 31 (Alzner, Wideman), 7:48 (pp). 2, Washington, Knuble 6 (Chimera, Perreault), 11:25. 3, Washington, Ovechkin 32 (Laich, Semin), 14:51 (pp). Penalties—Kronwall, Det (high-sticking), 7:03; Helmstrom, Det (interference), 13:04; Halpern, Was (hooking), 17:57.
Second Period—4, Detroit, Quincey 7 (Smith, Hudler), 5:15 (pp). 5, Washington, Aucoin 3 (Semin, Johansson), 17:24. Penalties—Hendricks, Was (holding), 3:20; Bertuzzi, Det (hooking), 11:29.
Third Period—6, Detroit, Bertuzzi 13 (Nyquist, Stuart), :36. 7, Detroit, Cleary 12 (Abdelkader, Smith), 12:52. 8, Washington, Chimera 17 (Knuble, Green), 19:39 (en-pp). Penalties—Knuble, Was (tripping), 16:45; Zetterberg, Det (holding), 17:45.
Shots on Goal—Washington 10-9-3—22. Detroit 12-10-11—33.
Power-play opportunities—Washington 3 of 4; Detroit 1 of 3.
Goalies—Washington, Holtby 1-1-0 (33 shots-30 saves). Detroit, Howard 33-15-3 (21-17).
A—20,066 (20,066). T—2:22.
Referees—Steve Kozari, Brian Pochmara.
Linesmen—Scott Cherrey, Scott Driscoll.

NBA

All Times EDT
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	26	20	.565	—
Boston	24	21	.533	1½
New York	21	24	.467	4½
Toronto	15	30	.333	10½
New Jersey	15	32	.319	11½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	33	11	.750	—
Orlando	29	18	.617	5½
Atlanta	26	20	.565	8
Washington	10	34	.227	23
Charlotte	7	37	.159	26

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	36	11	.766	—
Indiana	25	18	.581	10½
Milwaukee	20	24	.455	16
Cleveland	17	26	.395	18½
Detroit	16	29	.356	20½

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	29	14	.674	—
Memphis	25	18	.581	4
Dallas	26	20	.565	4½
Houston	24	22	.522	6½
New Orleans	11	34	.244	19

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	34	11	.756	—
Denver	25	20	.556	9
Utah	23	22	.511	11
Minnesota	22	24	.478	12½
Portland	21	24	.467	13

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	28	17	.622	—
L.A. Clippers	26	18	.591	1½
Phoenix	23	22	.511	5
Golden State	18	24	.429	8½
Sacramento	16	29	.356	12

Sunday's Games
Atlanta 103, Cleveland 87
L.A. Clippers 87, Detroit 83, OT
Sacramento 115, Minnesota 99
Memphis 97, Washington 92
Miami 91, Orlando 81
Phoenix 99, Houston 86
Utah 100, L.A. Lakers 99
Oklahoma City 111, Portland 95

Monday's Games
Philadelphia 105, Charlotte 80
Boston 79, Atlanta 76
Cleveland 105, New Jersey 100
Chicago 85, Orlando 59
Minnesota at Golden State
Dallas at Denver

Today's Games
L.A. Clippers at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at New York, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Houston, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Utah, 9 p.m.
Memphis at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Milwaukee at Portland, 10 p.m.

BULLS 85, MAGIC 59

CHICAGO (85)
Deng 5-13 3-4 14, Boozer 12-18 0-0 24, Noah 4-12 1-1 9, Watson 0-8 1-1 1, Brewer 1-4 1-2 3, Asik 1-2 1-2 3, Gibson 2-5 0-0 4, Lucas 8-13 0-0 20, Korver 2-4 1-1 7, Butler 0-0 0-0 0, Scalabrine 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-79 8-11 85.
ORLANDO (59)
Turkoglu 3-6 0-2 7, Anderson 4-13 0-0 10, Howard 8-12 2-7 18, Nelson 4-11 0-0 9, J.Richardson 1-7 0-0 2, Davis 1-5 3-6 5, Duhon 0-3 1-1 1, Q.Richardson 2-2 0-0 4, Redick 1-7 1-2 3, Smith 0-0 0-0 0, Liggins 0-0 0-0 0, Clark 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 24-68 7-18 59.

Chicago	**22**	**26**	**12**	**25**	**— 85**
Orlando	**14**	**19**	**15**	**11**	**— 59**

3-Point Goals—Chicago 7-18 (Lucas 4-7, Korver 2-3, Deng 1-4, Brewer 0-1, Watson 0-3), Orlando 4-20 (Anderson 2-8, Turkoglu 1-2, Nelson 1-4, Duhon 0-2, Redick 0-2, J.Richardson 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Chicago 55 (Boozer 13), Orlando 47 (Howard 12). Assists—Chicago 19 (Noah 5), Orlando 9 (Howard, Redick, J.Richardson 2). Total Fouls—Chicago 17, Orlando 12. Technicals—Chicago defensive three second, Howard, Orlando defensive three second. A—18,988 (18,500).

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

AP CLASS D ALL-STATE FIRST TEAM:
Chris Hass, Pellston, 6-4, Sr., Player of the Year
Brett Branstrom, Rock Mid Peninsula, 6-5, Sr.
Jordan LaPlant, Ewen-Trout Creek, 6-1, Sr.
Joey Blauwkamp, Wyoming Tri-unity Christian, 6-0, Jr.
Tyler Walden, Middleton-Fulton, 5-11, Sr.
Malachi Satterlee, Climax-Scotts, 6-7, Jr.
Chris Hass, Pellston, 6-4, Sr.
Calvin Amey, Carsonville-Port Sanilac, 6-2, Sr.
Gavin Toma, Southfield Christian, 6-0, Sr.
Kenya Oas, Munising, 5-10, Sr.
Kaion Sealies, Detroit Westside Academy, 6-7, Jr.:
COACH OF THE YEAR:
Stan Sexton, Bellaire.

SPECIAL MENTION
(nominees receiving two or more votes from the 10-member panel):
Isaac Mogck, Holland Black River; Ryan Wilcox, Portland St. Patrick; **Nate Rosenbaum, Michigan Lutheran;** Brad VanCamp, North Adams-Jerome; Josh Puroll, Boyne Falls; Evan Kraatz, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.
COACH
Cliff Amey, Carsonville-Port Sanilac.

HONORABLE MENTION
(nominees receiving one or no votes from the 10-member panel):
Jason Riberdy, Michigan Center Central; Josh Spates, Wyoming West Michigan Lutheran; Ben Kronemeyer, Holland Calvary; Corey Hungerford, Middleton-Fulton; Todd Brassow, Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary; O'Shay Spencer-Taylor, Kalamazoo Phoenix; Jalen Porter, Adrian Lenawee Christian; Devin Conley, Litchfield; Reece Koepke, Bellaire; Christian Novak, Bear Lake; Kyle Benthem, McBain Northern Michigan Christian; Zach Bialak, Manistee Catholic; Matt Falls, Carsonville-Port Sanilac; David Sharpe, Marine City Cardinal Mooney Catholic; Justin Asher, Deckerville; Chris Dewberry, Southfield Christian; Nathaniel Packwood, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist; Lindsey Hunter II, Southfield Christian; Garrett Ross, Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes; Dillon Gordan, Ewen-Trout Creek; Mitchell Myler, Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart; David Kerr, Posen.
COACHES:
Adam Moore, Akron-Fairgrove; Cliff Amey, Carsonville-Port Sanilac.

BOWLING

COLOMA LANES
SUNDAY NIGHT PANTY — Men: Jim Anders 713 (267), Mike Harper 630 (254), Ron Taylor 503 (241), Cory Collins 440 (200). Women: Fat Fish 497 (203), Tracy Romero 458 (199), Kristen Henderson 460 (196). Team: All Aboard 2131 (761).
MONDAY NIGHT LADIES — Brenda Webster 617 (236), Sharon Bail 616 (239), Bonnie Henry 613, Stacie Reeves 590, Dee Chronister 578, Arica Angelo 567.

BLOSOM LANES
SUNDAY NITE MIXED — Men: Willie Dumas 584 (229), Cory Brown 556 (256). Women: Sonya Jackson 676 (265), Colleen Morlock 603 (255). Team: 4 of a Kind 2443 (886).

LAKESHORE LANES
SHORELINE BUSINESSMEN — Jim Huling 754 (280), Eric Meiser 718 (261), Jeff Bradford 704, Lon Geisler 681, Doug Barker 669, Ron Wyatt 662.

KELLEY'S BOWL
BUD MIXED — Men: Doug Workinger 769 (299), Greg Mashak 704, Doug Foster 663, Bill Rath 650, Lee Malone 636. Women: Tami Rath 547, Donna Jackson 542, Deb Mueller 518, Dina Malone 507.
LAKESHORE LASSIES — Tricia Morris 728 (276), Brandy Antonowitsch 557 (227), Melanee Mayberry 545 (203), Karyn Fricke 534, Diana Nash 532, Bobbi Smith 524. Team: Reliable Disposal Darlings 1203 (451).

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Reassigned RHP Will Inman to their minor league camp.
MINNESOTA TWINS—Optioned RHP Carlos Gutierrez, OF Rene Tosoni and INF Tsuyoshi Nishioka to Rochester (IL). Assigned RHP Jason Bulger, RHP Luis Perdomo, RHP Daryl Thompson, RHP Esmerling Vasquez, RHP P.J. Walters, C Chris Herrmann, C Dan Rohlfing, INF Aaron Bates and OF Wilkin Ramirez to their minor league camp.
National League
COLORADO ROCKIES—Optioned LHP Christian Friedrich and INF D.J. LeMahieu to their minor league camp. Assigned INF Ryan Scahill and RHP Josh Sullivan to their minor league camp. Announced OF Jamie Hoffman refused hit outright assignment and elected free agency.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Released RHP Joel Pineiro.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA—Fined Houston F Patrick Patterson $25,000 for public criticism of NBA officiating on his Twitter account.
HOUSTON ROCKETS—Waived G Derek Fisher.
SACRAMENTO KINGS—Waived F J.J. Hickson.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Released G Rex Hadnot and WR Chansi Stuckey.
BUFFALO BILLS—Re-signed WR Derek Hagan.
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Signed RB Mike Tolbert to a four-year contract.
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed CB Jason Allen. Agreed to terms with S Reggie Nelson on a four-year contract. Re-signed S Reggie Nelson and CB Jason Allen.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Announced K Phil Dawson signed his one-year tender as the team's franchise player.
DALLAS COWBOYS—Released G Kyle Kosier.
DENVER BRONCOS—Signed LB Joe Mays to a three-year contract.
DETROIT LIONS—Re-signed P Ben Graham to a one-year contract.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed OL Mike McGlynn.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed QB Brady Quinn and OT Eric Winston.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed DE Trevor Scott and CB Marquice Cole.
NEW YORK GIANTS—Signed P Steve Weatherford to a five-year contract.
NEW YORK JETS—Signed S LaRon Landry to a one-year contract.
OAKLAND RAIDERS—Signed CB Shawntae Spencer to a one-year contract.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed G-C Mike Gibson to a two-year contract and C-G Steve Vallos to a one-year contract.
ST. LOUIS RAMS—Signed C Scott Wells to a four-year contract.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Announced DL Michael Bennett signed his tender offer.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
BOSTON BRUINS—Agreed to terms with F Shawn Thornton on a two-year contract.
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Agreed to terms with F Terry Broadhurst on a two-year contract.
DETROIT RED WINGS—Reassigned RW Andrej Nestrasil to Grand Rapids from Toledo (ECHL).
NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Signed G Scott Wedgewood.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Signed G Sebastien Caron to a one-year contract and F Alex Killorn to a two-year contract. Recalled F Pierre-Cedric Labrie from Norfolf (AHL). Released F Bryan Bruting.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
NEW YORK RED BULLS—Signed MF Ryan Maduro.
SPORTING KANSAS CITY—Signed D Shawn Singh.

COLLEGE
SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE—Promoted Greg Sankey to executive associate commissioner and COO.
COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON—Announced the retirement of men's basketball coach Bobby Cremins.
HOLY CROSS—Named Andy Rondeau defensive coordinator.
HOWARD PAYNE—Named Estevan Arbaiza men's soccer coach.
KENNESAW STATE—Announced the retirement of women's basketball coach Colby Tilley.
NEW MEXICO—Announced freshman basketball G Dominique Dunning has been granted a release to transfer.

TIGERS

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spring? No. Is he going to catch the routine plays, is he going to throw it accurately with one of the better arms in the league? Yes. Is he going to hit a lot of home runs and knock in a lot of runs? Yes. He's our third baseman."

Jimmy Rollins hit a go-ahead sacrifice fly for the Phillies.

The three-time All-Star shortstop and former NL MVP was concerned about a bad hop himself after seeing Cabrera get hit.

"Unfortunately, he had glasses on because it gave him a gash," Rollins said. "Fortunately, he had glasses on because that can rip a socket out."

Before the game, the Phillies announced that second baseman Chase Utley left camp to see a specialist for his injured knees and he's likely to start the season on the disabled list.

"I would think it would be doubtful for him to be prepared to play second base for us on opening day," general manager Ruben Amaro Jr. said. "Really this is about making sure he's healthy and playing a significant amount of the season so whatever time it takes for him to feel confident about his knees, that's the important part, whether it's tomorrow or the next week."

Freddy Galvis, the leading candidate to replace Utley, hit a two-run triple to tie it at 3.

He scored on Rollins' hard liner, with left fielder Matt Young making a sliding catch, during a four-run fifth inning.

Brennan Boesch hit a two-run homer for Detroit.

Tigers starter Max Scherzer allowed four runs and six hits in five innings and struck out five.

Scott Elarton started for the Phillies, and gave up three runs and three hits in 2⅓ innings.

SPARTANS

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The Cardinals likely will use the extra rest to make the Spartans run. Louisville deployed its pressing, up-tempo style early against Michigan State in a 2009 regional final and the Big Ten powerhouse proved it didn't have to plod to win. The Spartans beat the Cardinals in that matchup by a dozen points.

"Last time, they thought they were going to run us out the gym," Green said. "We ran them out the gym."

Michigan State routed 16th-seeded Long Island University-Brooklyn 89-67 in a fast-paced game, then held off ninth-seeded St. Louis 65-61 in a grinder.

The wins put Izzo in good company.

John Wooden, Adolph Rupp, Dean Smith, Bob Knight, Denny Crum, Mike Krzyzewski, Roy Williams, Jim Calhoun and Izzo are the coaches who have advanced to the round of 16 at least 10 times in a 15-season span, according to STATS LLC. If the Spartans get past Louisville, history suggests they'll beat the winner of the Marquette-Florida to reach the Final Four for the seventh time in 14 seasons under Izzo. He is 17-3 in the second game of an NCAA tournament weekend.

Green has been leading the way for the Spartans. Since the field expanded in 1985, he has more combined points (40), rebounds (20) and assists (16) than any other player in his first two games of an NCAA tournament.

Green, though, isn't interested in taking a break to enjoy any gains made by himself or the team.

"You could even see it after our celebration after the game — (just) hugs," he said. "It's just another step in the road to get to where we're really trying to go."

Unlike the two second-seeded teams that are already out of the tourney, Michigan State has avoided an early knockout as a high-seeded team in the NCAA tournament under Izzo.

He has lost in the first round four times as 10th-, seventh- and six-seeded teams. Izzo's teams that have been seeded fifth or better have at least reached the round of 16.

"I think that speaks about some leadership," Izzo said. "When you go to these tournaments and you get in those hotels, that's where all the distractions start. If you don't have good leadership in the hotels, parents come, aunts and uncles come, I'm sure there's agents swarming around hotels, just alums in general. I think we've stayed pretty focused. ... That's why we've had some success."

RED ARROW

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Chosen to the girls first team were New Buffalo sisters Lena Madison and Jade Madison, Lake Michigan Catholic's Laura Sifrig, Michigan Lutheran's Jenna Green, and Grace Christian's Natalija Galens.

Second-team selections were New Buffalo's Breanna Workman, Michigan Lutheran's Hailey Maas, Grace Christian's Kristin Rumer, River Valley's Rachel Palen and Lake Michigan Catholic's Mary Vojtko.

Honorable mention picks included Michigan Lutheran's Kaitlin Weber and Elizabeth Witkowski, New Buffalo's Amy Golebiewski, Eau Claire's Victoria Vega and Taylor Krugh, River Valley's Shelby Schlutt, Lake Michigan Catholic's Meghan Landeck and Lauren Visin, Grace Christian's Bethany Price and Countryside's Alexis Tober and Carly Harris.

Candy Van Buskirk of New Buffalo was named Coach of the Year.

CLASS D

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game this past season for the Titans.

With Hass' place among the state's all-time scorers, he also continues a family tradition. His older sister, Stephanie, held the girls scoring record (2,732) for 10 years before Central Lake's Jasmine Hines broke her mark a year ago.

"A lot of it comes from my dad, outside of basketball," Hass said. "He tells us to work hard at what we do. He's never told me I need to get in the gym or pushed me to the point I'm sick of basketball. But he tells us if we're going to be good at something, we've got to work hard at it. We took that and ran with it."

While Chris Hass averaged nearly 28 points a game for his varsity career, he's hardly just a shooter.

"I think my biggest pet peeve when I play basketball is when I come down the court on offense and I hear the opposing coach say 'here's the shooter,'" Hass said. "I don't want to be considered just a shooter. I want to be a kid that makes everyone else better on the floor."

This year, Hass averaged 8.7 rebounds and 5.8 assists a game.

Pellston's lone loss this year is to Bellaire and Class D Coach of the Year Stan Sexton. Over 23 years as varsity coach, Sexton has a 409-130 record, five regional titles and three trips to the state finals. His Eagles are still alive heading into today's quarterfinals.

Joining Hass on the Class D first team are Joey Blauwkamp from Wyoming Tri-Unity Christian, Middleton-Fulton's Tyler Walden, Malachi Satterlee from Climax-Scotts, Calvin Amey from Carsonville-Port Sanilac, Southfield Christian's Gavin Toma, Kaion Sealies from Detroit Westside Academy, Munising's Kenya Oas, Jordan LaPlant from Ewen-Trout Creek and Mid Peninsula's Brett Branstrom.

The only other unanimous selection besides Hass, Oas averaged 22.5 points a game for the Mustangs to go with 6.7 rebounds, 4.2 assists and 3.5 steals.

Blauwkamp was the defensive specialist for the Defenders, who finished the regular season ranked No. 1. He also averaged 11 points a game.

Walden surpassed 1,000 points for his career and is the school's all-time leading scorer. This year he averaged 18.5 points, four rebounds and three steals.

Satterlee led the Panthers to their first regional title since 1973. As their go-to player, the junior averaged 18 points, eight rebounds and two blocks.

Amey repeats as an AP All-Star by averaging 17.35 points, 10.75 rebounds and three blocks a game for the Tigers.

Toma averaged 17 points, six rebounds and six assists for the Eagles, who won a regional title last week.

LaPlant averaged 18.5 points, 9.3 rebounds, 4.9 assists and 3.5 steals for the Panthers.

Already the school's scoring leader, Branstrom, a junior, averaged 20.5 points, 16.5 rebounds and 5.5 blocks.

Seales averaged 18 points 13 rebounds, five assists and three steals.

Costello named Mr. Basketball

Matt Costello of Bay City Western has been named Michigan's Mr. Basketball.

The Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan announced the award Monday.

Lansing Sexton's Denzel Valentine, who like Costello will play for Michigan State, finished second in the voting. Cadillac's John Simons was third followed by Warren De La Salle Connar Tava and Detroit Crockett's Lloyd Neely.

Costello averaged 25.1 points a game this season. The 6-foot-10 forward also averaged nearly 18 rebounds along with four assists and four blocks per game.

He is the fourth straight Mr. Basketball award winner in the state to sign with the Spartans after they went four years without adding one.

Dwaun Anderson, who won it last year, transferred to Wagner after Keith Appling and Derrick Nix earned the honor the previous two years.

Cubs' Wood may not be in rotation

By DAVE VAN DYCK
Chicago Tribune

PEORIA, Ariz. — With spring training more than half over, each day is important in the battle for the final spots in the Cubs' rotation. And on Monday, Travis Wood all but eliminated himself.

In fact, Wood, an offseason acquisition from the Reds, probably pitched his way completely off the roster, while Randy Wells kept his name in the mix.

Wood blew a 7-0 lead against the Mariners and left with the score tied and nobody out in the third inning.

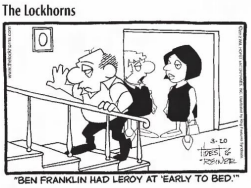
His day included three home runs and a wild pitch with a runner on third base, and his spring includes a 25.07 ERA.

Manager Dale Sveum said the plan is to "keep him going out there. From here on out, it's about him getting confidence and getting people out."

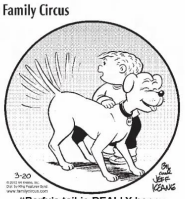
Wells pitched in a morning "B" game, marked by wind and cold, against the Indians and gave up two runs in three innings.

Sveum said he hopes to have all the roster spots filled by this time next week.

The Lockhorns



The Family Circus



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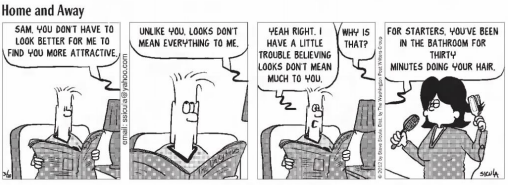
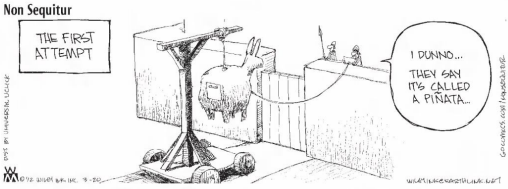

SAM, YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOOK BETTER FOR ME TO FIND YOU MORE ATTRACTIVE.
UNLIKE YOU, LOOKS DON'T MEAN EVERYTHING TO ME.
YEAH RIGHT. I HAVE A LITTLE TROUBLE BELIEVING LOOKS DON'T MEAN MUCH TO YOU.
WHY IS THAT?
FOR STARTERS, YOU'VE BEEN IN THE BATHROOM FOR THIRTY MINUTES DOING YOUR HAIR.

Non Sequitur



Baby Blues

The Amazing Spider-Man

YOUR SPELL'S GOT ME STUCK— LIKE A FLY ON FLYPAPER!
WE'VE NO INSECTS HERE IN ASGARD.
YOU SHALL NOT FOIL MY PLAN TO RULE THIS REALM BY KEEPING ODIN FOREVER IN THE ODIN-SLEEP HE HAS ENTERED!
MY OTHER FELLOW GODS AND GODDESSES I WILL REVIVE...
—BUT ONLY WHEN THEY SWEAR ALLEGIANCE TO ME!
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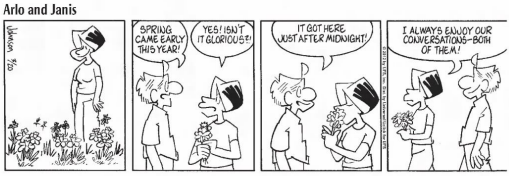
Zits

Stone Soup

Arlo and Janis


SPRING CAME EARLY THIS YEAR!
YES! ISN'T IT GLORIOUS!
IT GOT HERE JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT!
I ALWAYS ENJOY OUR CONVERSATIONS—BOTH OF THEM!

Jump Start

Give me one good reason I should hire you back
I helped you build this company!
I used to scream all night every night... I could outlast you!
ok, so I slept on the job once or twice...
she won't shut up. I like that in a baby.

Garfield

Beetle Bailey

I SPENT ALL MORNING PUTTING EVERYTHING IN THE SUPPLY CLOSET IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, SARGE!
YOU'RE A FIRST-CLASS MORON, ZERO
WHAT ARE YOU SMILING ABOUT?
I THINK I JUST GOT PROMOTED!
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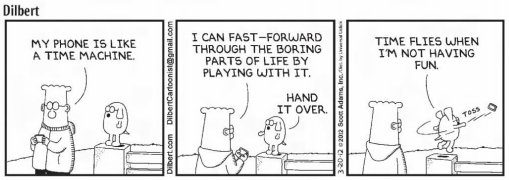
Dilbert


MY PHONE IS LIKE A TIME MACHINE.
I CAN FAST-FORWARD THROUGH THE BORING PARTS OF LIFE BY PLAYING WITH IT.
HAND IT OVER.
TIME FLIES WHEN I'M NOT HAVING FUN.
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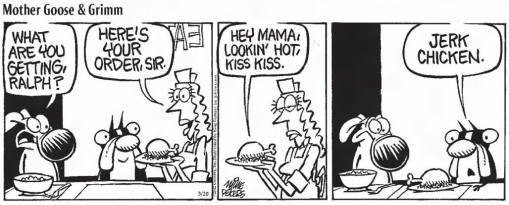
Red and Rover

YOU GONNA EAT ALL YOUR BACON?
I KNEW YOU WERE GONNA ASK ME THAT, SO I TOOK AN EXTRA SLICE!
THAT'S VERY KIND OF YOU—THANKS!
UM... YOU'RE WELCOME.
HEY!

Heart of the City

THAT'S IT, YOU LOT! INTO THE CLASSROOM! MOVE IT! MOVE IT!
THIS IS NUTS! I DIDN'T REALIZE SUMMER SCHOOL WOULD BE THIS MUCH LIKE PRISON!
ACTUALLY, IT'S WORSE...
...WHATEVER. YOU DO, DON'T CHEW GUM IN CLASS!

Mother Goose & Grimm



Blondie

Pickles

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, OPAL?
I'M EXPERIMENTING WITH NON-TRADITIONAL ARTWORK.
I'M TAKING DUST BUNNIES FROM UNDER THE FURNITURE AND SCULPTING THEM INTO ACTUAL DUST BUNNIES.
UH HUH... I SEE. AND... YOU CALL THAT ART?
I'M AN ARTIST, SO... IT MUST BE ART!

Hagar the Horrible

HAGAR, WERE YOU ALWAYS SO SUSPICIOUS OF PEOPLE?
NO, THERE WAS A TIME WHEN I TRUSTED PEOPLE
THAT WAS BEFORE MY PARENTS BROUGHT ME HOME FROM THE MATERNITY WARD...
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Get Fuzzy

HEY, LOOK! I FOUND A BRAND NEW SCRATCH TICKET OUTSIDE THE ZIPPY MART!
SATCHEL, YOU'RE A MAROON. THE LOTTERY IS A SCAM. THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A WINNING LOTTERY TICKET. IT'S ALL A HOAX.
OH... WELL, IT'S COOL ANYWAY, ISN'T IT? SEE? THREE BIG, GOLD, S'S WITH FUNNY LITTLE LINES THROUGH THEM!
I'M GONNA PRETEND IT STANDS FOR SATCHEL! SATCHEL! SATCHEL!
COME TO THINK OF IT, I DO NEED A BOOKMARK... I WILL GIVE YOU THE FULL ONE-DOLLAR FACE VALUE FOR IT.

Prime TV

TUESDAY EVENING MAR. 20

	7:30	8 PM	8:30 PM	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC (7) (10) (41) (57)	Wheel of Fortune	Last Man Standing	31 Cougar Town	The River ((F)) (N) CC		Body of Proof "Sympathy for the Devil"	
CBS (2) (3) (22)	Entertainment Ton.	NCIS Classified information is leaked. (N)		NCIS: Los Angeles (N) CC (DVS)		Unforgettable "The Comeback" (N)	
NBC (5) (8) (16)	Access Hollyw'd	The Biggest Loser The contestants learn how to surf. (N) CC				Fashion Star (N)	
FOX (17) (28) (32)	Two and Half Men	Raising Hope (N)	Teen, Daughter	New Girl (N) CC	Breaking In (N)	Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS (34)	NewsHour	American Experience Whaling industry in America. CC (DVS)				Frontline Vaccination safety.	
CW (25)	Big Bang Theory	90210 "The Heart Will Go On" (N)		Ringer Someone tries to kill Bridget. (N)		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT (58)	Big Bang Theory	Cold Case Solving a bank teller's murder.		Cold Case Valens' past haunts him.		How I Met	My Name Is Earl
WCIU (26)	House of Payne	House of Payne	Meet the Browns	Family Guy	American Dad	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC
WHME (46)	News Israel	Lester Sumrall	LeSea in Action	The Harvest Show News and music.		Paid Program	Joyce Meyer
WSBT (22)	WSBT News (N)	Steven and Chris CC		Dr. Phil CC		News	Frasier CC
A&E	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage-Texas	Storage-Texas
AMC	:00 CSI: Miami	★ ★★★ The Shawshank Redemption ('94) Tim Robbins. An innocent man goes to a Maine penitentiary for life in 1947. CC					
Animal	Attraction	The Secret Life of Elephants CC				Deadliest Towns	
BET	106/Park	Together	Together	Game	Game	Game	Together
Big Ten	Big Ten	Basket	The Big Ten's Greatest Games				Basket
Bravo	House-wives/OC	Housewives/OC		Housewives/OC		Tabatha Takes Over (N)	
Cartoon	Gumball	Level Up	Adven	King/Hill	King/Hill	American	American
Cinemax	6:40 ★ ★★ Knight and Day ('10)	★ House of the Rising Sun ('11, Action) Dave Bautista. CC				★ ★★★ Red Riding Hood ('03)	
CMT	:00 ★ ★★★ The Rookie ('02) Dennis Quaid. CC					★ The Terminator	
CNBC	Report	BMW: A Driving Obs.		60 Minutes on CNBC		60 Minutes on CNBC	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Piers Morgan		Anderson Cooper	
Comedy	30 Rock	Key	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Key
CSNC	NHL Hockey: Blackhawks at Blue Jackets				Postgame	Insd.	Bsk
Discovery	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch "Shipwrecked"		Frozen Planet "The Ends of the Earth" Polar bears battle for mates. CC			
Disney	Austin	ANT Farm	★ ★★ G-Force ('09) CC			Jessie	Shake It
DIY	Bath	Holmes	Holmes	Kitchen	Kitchen	Hate Bath	Hate Bath
E!	E! News	★ ★ The Hot Chick ('02) Anna Faris				Khloe	Khloe
Encore	Lethal Weapon 2	★ ★★ Step Up 3 ('10, Drama) Rick Malambri, Adam G. Sevani, Sharni Vinson. CC				9:50 ★ ★ Money Train ('95) CC	
ESPN	College Basketball			College Basketball			
ESPN2	Women's College Basketball					Women's College Basketball	
ESPNC	Boxing	Boxing CC		Bay City Blues		Blame	Blame
Family	Switched at Birth	Switched at Birth (N) CC		Make It or Break It "Worlds Apart"		Switched at Birth CC	
Food	Cupcake	Cupcake Wars		Chopped		Chopped (N)	
Fox News	News	The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity (N)		Greta Van Susteren	
Fox Sports	:00 UFC Reloaded '12 (N)					UFC From Chicago.	
FX	★ ★★ I, Robot ('04) Will Smith, Bridget Moynahan. A homicide detective tracks a dangerous robot in 2035. CC					Justified "Guy Walks Into a Bar" (N)	
G4	Attack	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Campus	Campus
Golf	:00 Golf Tavistock Cup, Final Day. From Orlando, Fla.						
Hallmark	Little House	Little House on the Prairie "Plague"		Little House on the Prairie CC		Frasier CC	Frasier CC
HBO	★ ★★★ Game Change ('12) Julianne Moore, Woody Harrelson, Ed Harris. CC				Eastbound	REAL Sports With Bryant Gumbel (N)	
History	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Top Gear "Limos"		Top Shot (N) CC	
HGTV	House	Million Dollar Rooms		Property	Property	House	Hunters
Learning	Couple	Bates Family		19 Kids	Couple	Couple	Couple
Lifetime	Reba	Dance Moms CC		Dance Moms (N)		Dance Moms CC	
MSNBC	Hardball	The Ed Show (N)		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Pregnant	16 and Pregnant		16 and Pregnant		16 and Pregnant (N)	
NFL	NFL Total	Sound FX	Sound FX	Sound FX	Sound FX	Path to the Draft	
Nick	Sponge.	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	'70s	'70s
NGEO	Troopers	Lucky Muckers (N)		Doomsday Preppers		Doomsday Preppers	
Oxygen	Employee	★ ★★★ Charlie's Angels ('00, Action) Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore. CC				Jersey Couture	Jersey Couture
Showtime	:20 ★ ★ The Heart Specialist ('06) Wood Harris.			Penn & Teller	Inside Comedy	Californi-cation	House of Lies (ITV)
Spike	:00 ★ ★★★ The Rundown			★ ★★★ The Rundown ('03) The Rock.			
Starz	6:50 ★ ★★★ Air Force One ('97) Harrison Ford. CC			★ ★★★ Friends With Benefits ('11) Justin Timberlake, Mila Kunis. CC			
SyFy	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters International CC		Ghost Hunters International CC		Ghost Hunters International CC	
TBS	Seinfeld CC	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
TCM	Moon-Spence	★ ★★★ Gold Diggers of 1933 ('33) Joan Blondell, Ruby Keeler. CC				★ ★★★ My Man Godfrey ('36) CC	
TMC	Love Shack	★ ★★★ Air Force One ('97, Suspense) Harrison Ford, Gary Oldman, Glenn Close.				:05 ★ ★ Brighton Rock ('10)	
TNT	★ ★★ National Treasure ('04) Nicolas Cage. CC					Southland CC	
Travel	Bizarre	Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Off Limits CC	
TV Land	M*A*S*H	Home Im	Home Im	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
VH1	Basket	La La	By June	Mob Wives CC		Mob Wives CC	
WGN-A	Funny Videos	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine (N) CC	

Adult acne has many treatment options

Dear Doctor K: I'm a woman in my mid-50s plagued with acne for the first time in my life. Please help!

Dear Reader: Most people get acne in childhood – about 80 percent of teenagers suffer from it. However, it's not that unusual for someone to first get it later in life.

Acne occurs when the lining of hair follicles becomes blocked. Hair follicles are little pores in the skin through which hairs grow. Tiny glands in the skin squirt body oils into the follicles. The oils can thicken and block the opening of the hair pores and the glands. Skin bacteria feed on the oils, and in doing so produce inflammatory substances. If the blockage of the glands and pores prevents the inflammatory substances from getting out, the result is acne.

Fortunately, there are several effective treatments for acne. If you have mild acne that's not inflamed, try a non-prescription cream or lotion containing benzoyl peroxide. This will help keep pores open and discourage the growth of bacteria.

Non-prescription creams or gels containing salicylic acid and sulfur can help existing acne to dry and peel. However, they won't prevent new eruptions.

Topical antibiotics such as erythromycin are available with a prescription. Prescription antibiotic pills are even more effective. Both kill bacteria involved in the development of acne.

Dr. Anthony Komaroff

Retinoids are a common and useful acne treatment. They are derived from vitamin A and are available by prescription. Retinoids are especially effective when used with antimicrobial drugs. These include antibiotics and benzoyl peroxide.

Tretinoin (Retin-A) is the retinoid most commonly used for treating acne, but it can irritate your skin. A microencapsulated form of the drug is less irritating.

The most powerful retinoid is isotretinoin. You take it by mouth rather than applying it to your skin. Isotretinoin is very effective for severe acne, but it can have severe side effects and can cause birth defects if taken during pregnancy. So women should be absolutely sure they are not in the earliest stage of pregnancy (meaning they've had a period very recently) before taking the drug.

Oral contraceptives are often effective to treat acne, although they also can bring on acne in some people. If they don't work, a drug called spironolactone may be added or used alone.

Light and laser treatments may help treat acne or acne scars. However, their effectiveness is still up for debate.

After treatment has been successful, how do you keep acne from coming back? Wash your face with soap and warm water twice a day and use oil-free creams on your face. Some of my patients tell me they've heard that acne in adulthood is caused by having too much sex. The good news is, it's not true.

We have a lot more information on acne in our Special Health Report, "Skin Care and Repair." You can find out more about it at my website.

I recommend finding a good dermatologist to sort out the pros and cons of the many treatment options that exist and figure out what's best for you.

Dr. Komaroff is a physician and professor at Harvard Medical School. Go to his website to send questions and get additional information: www.AskDoctorK.com.

Four years of college is not the only road to success

Dear Abby: Do you think every American child should get a four-year college degree? I keep meeting students who have a real talent and passion for other jobs – military, cosmetology or skilled trades, such as Internet technology and carpentry – but whose parents are furious at the suggestion they might not graduate from a four-year college.

It's a little-known fact that there is actually a shortage of skilled tradespeople these days. IT jobs pay well and are constantly in demand. As my grandmother used to say, "Everyone needs a plumber when the toilet's clogged." It distresses me to see so many parents disregard their kids' instincts about their skills and desired careers in favor of the "more schooling is always better" philosophy.

Graduating from college has been part of what we envision as the "American dream," but not every kid is going to be fulfilled after getting one of those degrees when the jobs that go with it don't materialize. If a child wants to go into the military or become a skilled tradesperson, parents should at least consider what they're suggesting. Because someone chooses a career path that isn't what a parent hoped for doesn't mean he or she can't be successful. – Ann Arbor Reader

Dear Reader: I have had this discussion with many people over the years and I agree. While it is crucial that young people finish high school, not every child is intellectually inclined. Many have talents better-suited to the trades. A person with skill and drive can earn a good living as a plumber, electrician, tailor or in the food industry.

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

Some brilliant and successful people started but didn't finish college. Many of them are in the arts and technology fields. Economic realities being what they are today, parents should be flexible and sensitive to their children's aspirations on this subject.

Dear Abby: For 20 years, my secret (to some, but not to others) involvement with a married man has kept me on an emotional roller coaster. We were both married at the time it began, and it was always understood that we would not leave our partners. However, since then my marriage has broken down.

Conventional wisdom – expressed by friends, family and your column repeatedly – has it that I should end this hopeless affair, get out and meet other men. I have made numerous attempts, but have accepted that he's the only man I feel comfortable being intimate with.

I don't want him to leave his marriage, from which he draws much respectability and desperately needed security. However, his obvious delight in our afternoon trysts does suggest that his so-called picture-perfect marriage doesn't meet his emotional and sexual needs. And that's what irks me!

This couple presents a happy profile in our community. The urge to burst his hypocritical bubble is growing within me with every passing year. Would it be morally reprehensible for me to let his wife know that she has been made a fool of for the last 20 years? – Seething In Canada

Dear Seething: Yes. Resist the urge. What makes you think his wife doesn't know? Once more than two people know this kind of "secret," word has a way of circulating. I see nothing positive to be gained by trying to hurt the wife. If your lover has to make a choice between the two of you, the person who will get the boot will be you. You knew this from the beginning. And you may find that it is not the wife who has been a fool for 20 years, but you.

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Crossword

ACROSS
1 Till the soil
5 Funny Charlotte
8 Moby Dick foe
12 Give out sparingly
13 Wall climber
14 Wife, to a lawyer
15 She has lots of workers (2 wds.)
17 Eggy dessert
18 Deli products
19 Most urgent
21 Fresco base
24 Na+ and Cl-
25 — by myself
26 Easy winner (hyph.)
30 Barrel of laughs
32 Rescue squad mem.
33 Willowy
37 Rum-soaked cake
38 King, in France
39 Ancient colonnade
40 Put the — on
43 Unusual
44 Ten-four buddy
46 Hiked the price
48 Fragrant fir
50 Way back when
51 Revise text
52 Letter carrier?
57 "Rule, Britannia" composer
58 An August sign
59 French cleric
60 Bridle part
61 Fix a seam
62 Danger

DOWN
1 ASAP
2 Comedian — Costello
3 Bravo!
4 Oozes
5 Corduroy ridges
6 Wide st.
7 Checked out
8 Insults
9 Keller or Hayes
10 Gather
11 Leaned over
16 Cpl. and sgt.
20 Sundial numeral
21 Apparel
22 Charles Lamb
23 Untidy one
27 Spaghetti seasoner
28 Melville title
29 Elevator pioneer
31 Rests a bit (2 wds.)
34 Upon
35 Mineral deposit
36 "Shane" star
41 401(k) kin
42 Very large
44 Tight-knit team
45 Deli crepes
47 Of the Arctic
48 Hibernating animal
49 Gibson and Torme
50 Say openly
53 Once named
54 Kimono sash
55 "Sesame Street" channel
56 Cartoon mice — and Meek

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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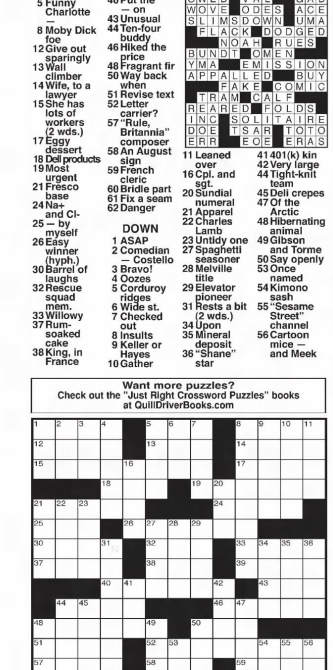

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Jumble

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

THCUH

DEAAG

ENOCAB

WRROOS

What are you doing in there?
It really relaxes and inspires me.
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AFTER A LONG DAY OF MAKING CARTOONS, THE JUMBLE ARTIST DID THIS.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

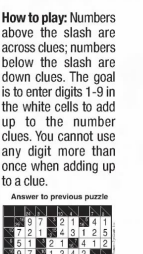
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: PURGE PANIC THRIVE RADISH
Answer: After winning the big hand, he was this — CHIPPER

Kakuro

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Answer to previous puzzle



Difficulty Level ★★ 3/20

Bridge

Frederick Douglass, a renowned orator, said, "A battle lost or won is easily described, understood and appreciated."

I hope that applies to this column. Many deals, especially in no-trump, are races for suit establishment. In this example, who wins the battle: South or East-West? Against three no-trump, West leads the heart seven.

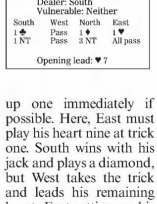
South might have passed over East's intervention, but with a good heart holding, rebidding one no-trump was preferable. Then North sensibly went for the nine-trick game. (Note that five diamonds has three losers: one heart and two diamonds.)

Declarer starts with six top tricks: three spades, one heart and two clubs. He will get another heart winner, but must establish dummy's diamond suit. This requires losing the lead twice.

When declarer has two stoppers in the suit led and two high cards to drive out, he should try to duck trick one.

Here, if East plays his heart queen (bottom of touching honors when playing third hand high), South makes his contract if he plays low. He wins the second heart as cheaply as possible and leads a diamond. West takes the trick but does not have another heart to lead.

East should also remember that when trying to establish a suit in which the opponents have two stoppers, make them use up one immediately if possible. Here, East must play his heart nine at trick one. South wins with his jack and plays a diamond, but West takes the trick and leads his remaining heart. East setting up his suit while he still has the diamond ace as an entry.



Sudoku

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Whirlpool, Suning Appliance teaming up in China

BENTON TOWNSHIP (AP) — Appliance maker Whirlpool Corp. and Suning Appliance Co., an appliance retailer in China, are teaming up to sell home appliances there.

Financial terms were not disclosed.

The companies said Monday that the partnership will give Whirlpool preferential access to Suning's distribution network of 1,700 retail outlets in China. Suning will get exclusive access to the Whirlpool brand at National Electronic Super Stores in China and receive preferential access to Whirlpool product innovations.

"Suning's distribution network, as well as its excellent reputation as a leading electrical appliance retailer in China, makes it the ideal choice of partnership, which is a key enabler to our China growth strategy to become the leading international appliance brand and grow our domestic sales to $1 billion over the next several years," Michael Todman, president of Whirlpool International, said in a statement.

Last month Whirlpool, whose brands include Maytag, KitchenAid and its namesake, reported that its fourth-quarter net income rose 20 percent as it increased prices for products in North America.

Whirlpool shares added 58 cents to $77.42 in afternoon trading.

Whirlpool likes government decisions in dumping case

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Whirlpool Corp. said Monday it is pleased with the U.S. Department of Commerce's final affirmative determinations of dumping margins in the anti-dumping investigations related to bottom-mount refrigerators from South Korea.

"As the world's leading home appliance maker, we are taking a stand with these petitions to protect our 23,000 U.S. employees who produce the innovative and high-quality products that consumers demand," Marc Bitzer, president of Whirlpool North America, said in a news release. "We are pleased with the Department of Commerce's decisions."

Whirlpool filed anti-dumping petitions last year with federal authorities over the appliances sold at discount prices in the United States. That practice is called dumping.

In its final determinations, the Commerce Department found company-specific dumping margins for two South Korean producers: LG Electronics, 15.41 percent, and Samsung Electronics, 5.16 percent; and four Mexican producers: LG Electronics, 30.34 percent; Samsung Electronics, 15.95 percent; Mabe, 6 percent; and Electrolux, 22.94 percent.

The margins represent the percentage of the import price on the unit.

In its separate countervailing-duty case related to the same products from South Korea, the Commerce Department found countervailing margins of 12.9 percent for South Korean exporter Daewoo and 2.46 percent for South Korean exporter Samsung. Countervailing margins refer to unfair subsidies the companies would have received from foreign governments.

The U.S. International Trade Commission will make a final injury determination in April. Whirlpool remains confident that the successful conclusion of these investigations will lead to trade remedies against unlawfully traded bottom-mount refrigerators from South Korea and Mexico by May 2012.

Whirlpool filed the anti-dumping and countervailing duty petitions under U.S. and international trade laws. The company is seeking to establish conditions of fair competition in the U.S. market, which will support significant investment and innovation in the production of high-end refrigerators in the United States, and the U.S. jobs created by that production. The Whirlpool products affected by this case are made in Amana, Iowa, where Whirlpool employs about 2,200 people.

In brief

Starbucks opening Evolution Fresh store

SEATTLE (AP) — Starbucks Corp. is pushing beyond coffee with the opening of the first Evolution Fresh Inc. juice store, the company said Monday.

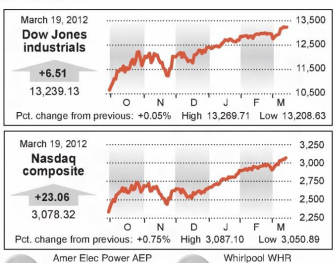
Starbucks, which is looking for new businesses for growth, purchased the California-based juice maker in November for $30 million. Evolution Fresh had been selling its juices in grocery stores such as Whole Foods groceries. The first Evolution Fresh store is in Bellevue, Wash.

'John Carter' to lose $200 million

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "John Carter" is now officially a flop of galactic proportions.

The Walt Disney Co. said Monday that it expects a loss of $200 million on the movie in the quarter through March. That's among Hollywood's biggest money-losers ever.

Markets



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ChemFinl	CHPC	14.56	24.32	23.53	+.34	+1.5	▲	▼	▲
CocaCola	KO	63.05	71.77	70.40	+.24	+0.3	▲	▲	▲
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Google	GOOG	473.02	670.25	633.98	+8.94	+1.4	▲	▲	▼
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IBM	IBM	157.07	207.52	205.72	-.29	-0.1	▼	▲	▲
JPMorgCh	JPM	27.85	47.80	45.00	+.43	+1.0	▲	▲	▲
Johns,n	JNJ	58.50	68.05	65.21	+.09	+0.1	▲	▲	▼
JournalCm	JRN	2.69	6.07	5.59	+.13	+2.4	▲	▲	▲
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Pfizer	PFE	16.63	22.17	21.88	-.06	-0.3	▼	▲	▲
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Local grain

LaPorte County Co-Op, Buchanan

March Corn	$6.43 down 10c
New Crop Corn	$5.20 down 4c
March Soybeans	$13.26 down 8c
New Crop Soybeans	$12.65 down 3c

These are the markets as of this morning before the opening of the Board of Trade.

Cass hogs

Select Butchers, 230-250 lb.	$60 to 61
Mix. Butchers, 240-260 lb.	$58 to 59
Heavy Butchers, 270-280 lb.	$53 to 54
Sows	$52 to 58
Boars	$20 to 41

Yesterday's hog prices per hundredweight from the Michigan Livestock Exchange, Cassopolis branch.

Apple's dividend heralds 'changing of the guard'

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — What would Steve have done?

It's a question that Apple CEO Tim Cook can't escape. From the naming of the new iPad to his choice of clothing at public events, company-watchers parse Cook's every move, looking for differences between him and the company's revered founder Steve Jobs.

But Cook seems determined to stamp his own legacy on the world's most valuable company. In the biggest break from Jobs' philosophy since Cook succeeded him as CEO seven months ago, Apple is dipping into its nearly $100 billion cash stash to start paying a quarterly dividend of $2.65 per share to its stockholders.

The commitment announced Monday draws a clear line of demarcation between Cook and Jobs.

"This is indicative of the changing of the guard at Apple," says ISI Group analyst Brian Marshall. "I don't think this would have happened under Steve Jobs. This clearly shows Tim Cook is his own man."

Jobs hoarded cash like a man afraid of running out of it. Plagued by memories of Apple's flirtation with bankruptcy in the late 1990s, he steadfastly resisted calls for the company to pay a dividend. Jobs never wanted Apple to be so destitute that it would need financial help, as it did in 1997 when he negotiated a $150 million infusion from rival Microsoft Corp.

With Cook in charge, Apple is now ready to herald a new era and dole out about $10 billion in dividends each year. It's an amount that Apple can easily afford, given the size of its current bank account and the billions more pouring in amid feverish demand for its iPhones, iPads and iPods.

Obviously, no one knows what Jobs would have thought about Apple paying a dividend. He died Oct. 5 after a long battle with cancer. It's unclear whether he had softened his stance on the dividend by the time he resigned as CEO last August.

The dividend decision didn't fall entirely to Cook. It required the approval of Apple's eight-member board of directors, which hasn't changed in the past year except for the addition of Cook and the loss of Jobs. Cook joined the board when he became CEO.

Apple's board had been discussing a possible dividend since at least January, based on what Cook has publicly told analysts and Apple shareholders.

Analysts and investors viewed the dividend as a sign of Cook's willingness to listen to shareholders.

"The new management is very shareholder friendly, and it has been very nice to see," says Sterne Agee analyst Shaw Wu.

Longtime Apple shareholder Asif Khan believes the dividend suggests that Cook is serious about honoring one of Jobs' final bits of advice. Based on published accounts, Cook told Apple employees at an Oct. 19 memorial that Jobs wanted management to "just do what's right" instead of trying to figure out what the company's late leader would have done.

"It's an intriguing moment in Apple's history because this is a departure from Steve's philosophy," says Khan, whose family has accumulated 20,000 Apple shares since 1997 when Jobs returned to the company.

Apple CEO Tim Cook gestures during the introduction of the iPhone 4S, at Apple headquarters in Cupertino, Calif., on Oct. 4, 2011. Paul Sakuma / AP

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In the matter of KULJIT SINGH

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: N/A whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 8:40 a.m. at 811 Port Street, St. Joseph, Michigan 49085 before Judge Scott Schofield (P26499) for the following purpose: NAME CHANGE TO: Kuljit Paul Singh

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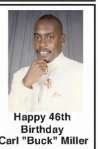

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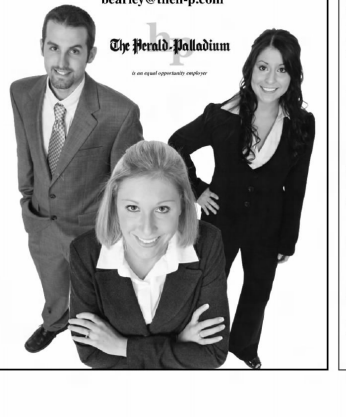

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Several important objectives of yours are likely to be fulfilled in the year ahead, in the same areas where you may have previously met with failure. The timing will be different, making people and their goals more in line with your plans.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – It'll be your optimistic, hopeful manner that will smooth over the road you have to travel. In doing so, it will also make things better for those who journey at your side.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – Don't be reluctant to think big and act boldly if your intuition tells you to move on something. If you are afraid to take a well-calculated chance, nothing will ever change.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – People who have clout and influence are more likely to take a chance on you than would an average person. However, the request you ask of the powerful must make sense.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – The chances of achieving an important objective look pretty good if you set your mind to it. Once more, you won't hesitate to include others in what you've accomplished.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) – Maintain an optimistic outlook and your expectations and dreams could easily become realities. Focus on your targets and keep them in your sights until they become a fait accompli.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – Up until now, it may have looked as if you'd gone unappreciated, overlooked and ignored for something on which you worked hard and long. Not so – your rewards are at hand.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Just when you thought the world was against you, you'll discover that a loyal ally has been working on your behalf for some time. You could never have gotten far without his or her help.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – If another picks you to be his or her designated agent, do what you can for this person by making the best deal possible. Even if it was supposed to be just a favor, you're apt to receive a reward.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Things aren't likely to work out the way you envision them, but don't get upset – they could end up even better. It just proves that it's wise to never prematurely judge people or events.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Tough tasks that challenge your imagination could prove to be both fun and profitable. Unraveling the knotty problems that leave your associates stumped will give you a thrill.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Some people you meet could end up playing important roles in your affairs down the line. Be sure to remember their names, as well as get their contact information.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – You're apt to be exceptionally fortunate in a matter where something of material value is at stake. Wait to cash in until the most propitious moment.

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